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Susan,

Below is the proposal we discussed in Sacramento. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] or email me.

Thank you very much.

Wayne L. Campbell

Veteran's Alternative

The ***Veteran's Alternative*** has been created in response, as an alternative (for qualifying fisherman) to the LAC's proposal on the Lobster Fishery Management Plan.

The idea behind this plan is to better address the needs of the large boat operators and the operations they have built over many years.

Those who are eligible for this alternative agree with a reduction of the gear they fish by 15% upon implementation of the Lobster FMP. The 15% reduction will be determined by the Dept. analyzing the average number of traps fished in the last five (most recent) years of log book data. The amount of traps the veteran is able to fish post- implementation will remain the same until the permit transfers and/or no longer is renewed.

Qualifications for eligibility:

1. Transferrable lobster permit with 20 consecutive years of landings
2. Log book data for the previous 10 years showing more than 500 traps fished annually

Fisherman applying for the Veteran's Alternative agree to the following:

1. Qualifying fisherman agree to pay the DFW to analyze their log data to determine eligibility and number of traps they wish to fish.

2. In the event trap tags are to be implemented, qualifying fisherman agree to pay for all trap tags they intend to use annually.

There is a small number of veteran fisherman who fish larger vessels (35 ft. plus), employ crew, fish larger strings, operate on and off shore for multi-day trips that this alternative is striving to address. These fisherman have spent many years building their business to the level in which they currently operate and the LAC proposal does not address their needs and/or business model(s) in a manner in which they can maintain profitability.

The California Spiny Lobster fishery exports the majority of its catch to China and without the large vessels/operations continuing as they have for many, many years, this could damage the ability of our local buyers to fill their orders in a timely fashion.

We, the veteran fisherman, would like to work with the DFW & the Commission in order to make this alternative a workable solution.

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