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### Comments for Sportfishing Rules.

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Please see my comments below for your next meeting for the items of concern:

We know why these and possibly who is probably putting these together for Neah Bay. The MA 4B closure didn't pass and it looks like a way to shut it down piece by piece. This is unfair to the recreational fishers and family and also to the economy of Neah Bay.

#63 Shrimp 200 Yes Build a non existant fishery-as inside fishery maxes, will provide a possible new fishery. There is no recreational pressure on this fishery now and could be to expensive with 80 shrimp current daily limit

#64 Cast net yes-catch your own bait for tuna fishing with a cast net-provides bait for other ports with none available

#65 Cabezon size limit- No- Marine area 4 has a lot of cabezon yet. Remove area 4 from size limit. Seems to be a push to shut down Neah Bay again little by little. Cabezon are a by-catch fish as they are custacean eaters and never will be a targetted fish as they do not commonly bite fishing lures. They are an occasional catch.Data showing 20-30 rockfish per Lingcod/Cabezon does not work for this situation.

#66 4A Fish protection-No-85% is already under closure and protection. This is a closure on the small boat fishery. The ocean fishery is still very healthy and the 4B test fishery of 2011 showed a large amount of rockfish caught in the straits and there are far more rockfish fish in the ocean than the straits. Rockfish and other types of fish are targetted using different gear and assumptions of catching one fish per 20-30 fish cannot be used. Data showing 20-30 rockfish per Lingcod/Cabezon does not work for this situation.

#67 Tuna Limit-No-No reason to put a limit just to put on a limit. This could start a limit on Albacore.

#68 Reduce MA 4B Lingcod size to 22"-no-22" is to small of a fish with no meat. This is counter productive to bring down the catch size. By keeping it at 26" it keeps the sizes bigger. We broke MA4B off from the ocean a long time ago for bottomfishing and it is managed with the ocean fishery MA4.

#69 Reduce Lingcod season in MA 4B. No- there are plenty of lingcod and if rockfish conservation is a concern then removing more lingcod will be more productive, thus requiring expansion. Studies show that even MPAs/Fishing closures will not let rockfish repopulate if lingcod are present.

Members of the Commission Thanks for the opportunity to be heard.  
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