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Dear Director Bonham:

The Bodega Bay Fisherman's Marketing Association, the Crab Boat Owners Association of San Francisco and The Half Moon Bay Seafood Marketing Association are long standing fisherman's marketing associations that represent Dungeness Crab businesses in District 10/Zone 3. Our members recognize the need for organization and a united voice for fishermen, and we appreciate the opportunity to share that voice with the Department.

We understand that there is not currently sufficient representation on the Working Group for Zone 3 and look forward to that being resolved after the New Year. However, currently the representation is incomplete, therefore we are writing this letter to provide input from actual fishermen and organizations that are operating in Zone 3 regarding the pending determination for opening the Zone.

The majority of the members in each of our three organizations are requesting that in order to ensure an orderly start to the Dungeness Crab season in Zone 3, that the opening be delayed beyond the preliminary recommendation of 12/19 set and 12/22 haul. The infrastructure and staffing required for a fair and orderly start are simply not available in the time frame provided considering limited access to labor, truck shortages, infrastructure currently staged in other zones, and holiday closures.

The more time given to allow a fair and orderly start to the season in Zone 3 will also allow more time for the further migration of remaining whales, thus reducing risk. We request that the season start be delayed with a set date no sooner than 12/27 and no later than 01/01.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Frank Sousa Jr- President
Half Moon Bay Seafood Marketing Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Barnett", written in a cursive style.

John Barnett- President
San Francisco Crab Boat Owners Association

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Loren Edwards- President
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