Dear Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council Members,

My name is Clarke Reposa . I am the owner of the F/V Mattie and Maren.

I rely on access to the squid fishery off Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard every year. I have been fishing there for 47 years. Harvest from that area can comprise up to 40 percent of my annual gross income. Restricting access to that fishing ground will devastate my business, and all the families that rely on it.

We have been fishing there for almost 50 years, and this year had our best squid fishing year in that area ever. The resource is healthy, and there is no reason for any closure.

Sincerely, Clarke Reposa

PLEASE SEND TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS