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From: Hank Lackner <jdhlcl@aol.com>
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Dear Mid-Atlantic council members,

I apologize for my late comments, but I have been focused on the Illex squid DERBY !!

Here we are again, Last year (as an active participant in the illex fishery) I tried to alert the council to the coming wave of latent effort. Now for the second year in a row the fishery will close early, in fact, in record time.

1. I am asking the council to please reaffirm Aug 2, 2013 control date.

2. I am asking the council to make adjustments to the regulatory process so that in season adjustments can be made. I am asking that the ABC be increased to 26,000mt for 2019.

3. The early closures I speak about are a direct result of latent effort. The capacity Amendment must be readdressed. The dynamics of the fleet are changing and it will continue to change ,for the worse, unless management steps in.

Very large vessels, in fact some are displaced from the herring and mackeral fishery, are now involved in the fishery and more are on the way.. This is a result of the lifting of the tonnage restrictions.. These vessels employ technology that was never intended for a fishery that only has a 24000 mt ABC.

Historical participants, the ones who endured all the slow times, while markets were being developed, are getting killed.. 2 month seasons are unacceptable,

The current management scheme is causing MAJOR SAFETY ISSUES . Boats are overloading, leaving on inappropriate tides as well as fishing heavy weather!!!

PLEASE , do not allow this fishery to go the way of the mackeral and herring fishery.. NOW is the time to take action!!!!!!

Thanks You,

Hank Lackner

F/V Jason & Danielle

Sent from my iPad