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		2A	2B	2C	3A	3B	4	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	Total
10 Years	1974	0.52	4.62	5.60	8.19	1.67	0.71	---	---	---	---	---	21.31
	1975	0.46	7.13	6.24	10.60	2.56	0.63	---	---	---	---	---	27.62
	1976	0.24	7.28	5.53	11.04	2.73	0.72	---	---	---	---	---	27.54
	1977	0.21	5.43	3.19	8.64	3.19	1.22	---	---	---	---	---	21.88
	1978	0.10	4.61	4.32	10.30	1.32	1.35	---	---	---	---	---	22.00
	1979	0.05	4.86	4.53	11.34	0.39	1.37	---	---	---	---	---	22.54
	1980	0.02	5.65	3.24	11.97	0.28	0.71	---	---	---	---	---	21.87
	1981	0.20	5.66	4.01	14.23	0.45	---	0.49	0.39	0.30	0.01	0.00	25.74
	1982	0.21	5.54	3.50	13.52	4.80	---	1.17	0.01	0.24	0.00	0.01	29.01
	1983	0.26	5.44	6.38	14.14	7.75	---	2.50	1.34	0.42	0.15	0.01	38.39
10 Year Average	0.20	5.62	4.65	11.39	2.51	NA	1.38	0.58	0.32	0.05	0.01	25.79	
2008	1.00	9.00	6.21	24.22	10.90	NA	3.10	1.86	1.00	1.60	0.31	60.40	
Recommended 2009	0.86	6.96	4.47	22.53	11.67	NA	2.65	1.94	1.00	1.60	0.31	54.01	

Looking at 2B and 2C recommended catches and looking at a ten year average. 2C for example would be below the 10 year average. 2B would be a little above. If this is the case in 2 B and 2C we would assume that we are in a total depleted fisheries. So why is 3A and 3B both taking a 100% increase compared to the 10 year average. And why is the total of 54.01 million pounds for 2009, which is over 100% more taken in relationship to the 10 year average. All this comes down to is reapportioning the fish to others.

This is another good reason for the support of (West Brothers Groups) 15 year average plan.

In 2008 we should have taken 7.3% decrease across the board, and if the 2009 recommendation is approved their would be a 11.02% decrease across the board. Here's what we support in the 30" to 32" harvest. We think that this could be done by catch to our present I.O.F.'s. This would insure that we take whatever percent that would be approved by IHPC.

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Heres West Brothers Group suggestion for 2009 season.
 (Equal Apportionment)

Regulatory Area	15 year 1993-2007 Average	2009 Recommended Limit 17% Down
2A ^A	0.59	0.49
2B	11.27	9.36
2C	9.48	7.87
3A	23.41	19.44
3B	11.18	9.28
4A	3.45	2.87
4B	2.86	2.38
4C	1.00	.83
4D	1.60	1.33
4E	0.30	0.25
Total	65.13	54.06

Hi – Thank you for this opportunity to voice our concerns.

My wife and I have almost one percent of 2C quota. We have purchased 90% of what we own. With an almost 50% cut back in quota we are struggling to make our payments.

I formed a new group of 15, 2C Fisherman and will register with IHPC this fall. We are The (West Brothers Group).

Our Groups Platform. We are in favor of Coast Wide Management and Equal Coast Wide Appointment. We would like to see a 15 year harvest average in each area (called a Baseline), and use a slow up and slow down approach. For example 3 to 4 percent swing for any one year. We feel conservation is vital, but can not understand a 50 to 60 % shift because of a new management model.

I Feel we have a prime coast wide opportunity to level this playing field. Maybe our Fisheries Scientist might have to adjust some boundary lines to make this work or come up with an new model.

The 2008 2C Fisheries went well for my wife and I. We do have a large number of small males that have moved into our area, and ~~the~~ large numbers of 30 to 32' fish that have moved in.

Our theory of a much higher percentage of migratory fish ~~in~~ⁱⁿ 2C is based on years of experience by many fishermen, versus the scientific one snapshot a year, maybe a survey in July and August might prove this. Here are some Quotes from the Blue Book that support our ideas.

Page 80 – Coast wide stock is for developing new harvest in areas 2B, 2C and 3A.

Page 81. The conclusion from 3B, 2C, and 3A study that halibut stock on a coast wide basis is in good shape.

Page 83. Coast wide assessments indicates a decline spawning biomass but one that is still well above a level of concern.

Page 84. Now that area 3B and westward are fully engaged there is a decrease in the number of fish that migrate to area 2. The decline in area 2 is understandable and is not a cause for alarm.

Page 86. Fig. 16. The declines we have seen over the past decade are on the verge of reversing.

Page 88. Cev of 30" size limit would be 72.2 million pounds of catchable biomass.

In conclusion, the two drops in 2c quota in the last two years cost Petersburg Fisherman \$ 3,487,500 in real dollars. That's a lot for a town of 3,000 people. The fisherman I represent are having a tough time making their payments.

So our group hopes the council will seriously consider our 15 year base line and a slow up and slow down model of management.

Thank you for your time,

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15 years												
1993	0.50	10.63	11.29	22.74	7.86		2.56	1.96	.83	.84	0.06	59.27
1994	0.37	9.91	10.38	24.84	3.86		1.80	2.02	0.72	.71	0.12	24.73
1995	0.30	9.62	7.77	18.34	3.12		1.62	1.68	0.67	.64	0.13	43.88
1996	0.30	9.54	8.87	19.69	3.66		1.70	2.07	0.68	.71	0.12	47.34
1997	0.41	12.42	9.92	24.63	9.07		2.91	3.32	1.12	1.15	0.25	65.20
1998	0.46	13.17	10.20	25.70	11.16		3.42	2.90	1.26	1.31	0.19	69.76
1999	0.45	12.70	10.14	25.32	13.84		4.37	3.57	1.76	1.89	0.26	74.31
2000	0.48	10.81	8.44	19.27	15.41		5.16	4.69	1.74	1.93	0.35	68.29
2001	0.68	10.29	8.40	21.54	16.34		5.01	4.47	1.65	1.84	0.48	70.70
2002	0.85	12.07	8.60	23.13	17.31		5.09	4.08	1.21	1.75	0.56	74.66
2003	0.82	11.79	8.41	22.75	17.23		5.02	3.86	0.89	1.96	0.42	73.19
2004	0.88	12.16	10.23	25.17	15.46		3.56	2.72	0.95	1.66	0.31	73.11
2005	0.80	12.33	10.63	26.03	13.17		3.40	1.98	0.53	2.58	0.37	71.82
2006	0.83	12.01	10.49	25.71	10.79		3.33	1.59	0.49	2.37	0.37	67.98
2007	0.78	9.74	8.49	26.31	9.42		2.81	1.41	0.55	2.72	0.58	62.81
15 Yr. Average	0.59	11.27	9.48	23.41	11.18		3.45	2.82	1.00	1.60	0.30	65.13
2008	0.77	9.02	7.81	24.39	9.35		2.78	1.39	0.51	2.51	0.54	604.00
7.3% Decrease												
2008 Catch	1.00	9.00	6.21	24.22	10.90		3.10	1.86	1.00	1.60	0.30	604.00