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Adm. Paul Zukunft, Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd St. SW STOP 700,
Washington, DC 20593-7000

Ref: USCG Helicopter SAR Unit, Newport, Oregon

Dear Admiral Zukunft,

The Sportfishing Association of California is a marine industry association representing commercial passenger fishing vessel companies on the U.S. West Coast. It has come to our attention that there is a planning effort underway to shut down the critical helicopter coverage from Newport, Oregon. The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request this plan be abandoned. Removal of this unit will pose a definite threat to those operating in the AOR of this unit as minutes count when mariners find themselves in the water.

Sincerely,



Ken Franke
President