

From: Bowman, Randal
To: [Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal](#)
Subject: Re: Pacific fishery question
Date: Monday, August 21, 2017 1:15:45 PM

Thanks - this saves me from having to go back and say "never mind" on the discussion we had Friday, and I may yet need to go over this again here.

On Mon, Aug 21, 2017 at 1:46 PM, Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal
<michael.weiss@noaa.gov> wrote:

Hi again.

Response below.

To Clarify: There are no longliners currently operating out of Guam or the CNMI.

There was no intent to imply these operators were all going broke. Most fishing vessels (like many other capitol assets) are best when operated at a loss anyway (for tax purposes). One owner remains an industry leader in Guam. The longline vessels operating there in 2009 left the fishery for a variety of reasons.

On Thu, Aug 17, 2017 at 11:03 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Am sending this tonight because my ID seems to be failing (perfect timing), had major problem getting my office computer to accept it this afternoon and similar but not as bad with extra laptop I have at home, and so I may need to get a new ID or otherwise be delayed in getting access to my computer in the morning - if you get the answer tomorrow and have not gotten an email from me, please call and leave the answer as a voicemail.

Question - your monument review report makes mention of 1 longliner in Guam and 4 in CNMI in 2009, but implied they were all going broke prior to the designation. Are there still longliners operating from Guam or CNMI? I did not see mention of them in the answers to my earlier questions, which referred to rod-and-reel type vessels with no capacity to store large amounts of catch, but I would like to be certain.

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