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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find submitted a manuscript entitled: “Quantifying drivers of gear choice in the US West Coast sablefish fishery to improve future fisheries management” which my co-authors and I are submitting for consideration of publication as an article in the themed section “Transdisciplinary Marine Science” of the ICES Journal of Marine Science. I confirm this work is original and has not been submitted for publication elsewhere.

The submitted manuscript details a framework for quantifying drivers of fishermen behaviour, which can impact the effectiveness of bycatch management. The framework utilizes data collected from multiple disciplines and addresses the need for understanding bycatch within dynamic ecological and social systems. The method was applied to data collected from the United States West Coast sablefish fishery, but the manuscript highlights how the methods could be used elsewhere as well. Bycatch management is a global issue and we feel the submitted manuscript will be of interest to scientists across multiple disciplines working on sustainable fisheries management.

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Thank you for considering our work. Please address all correspondence concerning this manuscript to me at the University of Washington and feel free to correspond with me by email (kfjohns@uw.edu). I look forward to hearing your decision.

Sincerely,

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