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The Narragansett Chamber of Commerce, during its June 16, 2010 Board of Directors meeting, voted unanimously to object to the current catch limits imposed by the Federal Government on the northeast fishing industry. The economic impact of lower federal catch limits and the transition to the catch shares management system will be devastating to the already struggling industry.

The viability of the Port of Galilee and the success of the fishing fleet is a vital component to the overall economic health of the Town of Narragansett and the surrounding area.

The Narragansett Chamber recognizes the need for sustainability of the resource, but believes that the current stringent regulations will strangle the local fishing fleet. The Board of Directors strongly urges the Secretary of Commerce to amend the current regulations, and advocates for the implementation of emergency regulations and the increase of the 2010 annual catch limits.

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