We were really blind-sided by this. Just happened to find out about 3 days ago. I spent all day yesterday in the emergency room with our daughter who was admitted to the hospital last night. So much for my plan on getting all my documents together for this meeting.

A proposal such as this has never occurred before in the 36 years we have operated our boat and shop at this Harbor.

The clause in the Harbor's Ordinance Code designating how many charter vessels will be permitted to work from the Harbor is decades old. The number of boats permitted is based on a time when there were two baitshops, Captain John's and Huck Finn Sportfishing. Each shop was given the right to have up to 8 charter vessels work out of their shop, for a total of 16 boats. Charterboats HAD TO work out of one of the two shops. Huck Finn sold out to a lady who renamed the shop "Bait and Switch" which subsequently went out of business the 8 CAPS I assume were taken over by the Harbor District.

I absolutely do not believe the regulations even considered that charterboats would be allowed to come into the Harbor to make as much money as they can and then leave weeks later.

We understand how desperate everyone is to go salmon fishing. Since 2020, we dealt with Covid closures, 2021 Covid restrictions and fears, massive changes in rockfishing seasons and regulations, the salmon seasons closed in 2023, 2024 and a whole whopping 4 day season in 2025. The 2026 season will be lucky to last a month or two at most because there the current quota only totals around 50,000 fish before it's shut down again.

To allow boats to come to the Harbor as has been proposed would be extremely detrimental to existing charter tenants who have invested and paid so much over the years to operate from this Harbor. If the tables were turned, I am sure the harbors in the Bay would not allow boats from Half Moon Bay to do what they are proposing.

3 days per week has already turned into every day from April 11-27 except for 2 days in the bay....