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To anyone interested in keeping the US EEZ for Americans only:

I started in this fishery catching one fish at a time in 1962. Other than two years of active duty serving our country during the Viet Nam War, I have been supplying Americans with fresh quality seafood.

One hundred miles North and South of forty-five degrees latitude has been the area that produces the best Albacore fishing. For the past twelve years working this area has become very hard because of the number of Canadian boats that are allowed to fish in these waters. They have overwhelmed the US boats forcing us to seek other grounds that are less productive. It has cost US boats time and money trying to find productive fishing areas.

The smaller local boats have almost been eliminated because of the Canadian presence close to our shores. This has been devastating to our smaller ports.

Our Government needs to serve US fisherman and allow only American boats to fish our EEZ starting now.

Regards,

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