June 14, 2004

TO: Mike Burner, PFMC

FROM: Patricia Burke

RE: Exhibit C.6.b Supplemental Draft Allocation Committee Minutes

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Allocation Committee Minutes. I would like to offer the following corrections:

Page 5 under Oregon Recreational:
Please add the following at the end of the second sentence: “…fishery closure or possible bag limit changes earlier in the season”.
Page 5 on the last line please add after: “…or lengthening the season and/or depth closures.”

Page 8 Section D: third line after 8.1 add “(this is corrected to 4.5).”
Page 8 Section D, before the last sentence: …the preliminary DEIS). Recently, a fourth option has been devised which uses selective FFT rates for May-October. For Jan-April, and Nov-December, the selective FFT rates are increased or decreased pending the observed WCGOP data.” The GMT….

Page 8, third paragraph:

Dr. Burke thought this was a process issue. When this issue was first discussed by this committee in March, the recommendation was not to have an HG for yelloweye. Public testimony State managers in at the April Council meeting seemed to requested state by state harvest guidelines targets. Oregon is not concerned about exceeding the OY or even having yelloweye rockfish become an inseason issue. states being able to respond to any unexpected exceedences of yelloweye, and California is unlikely to confront yelloweye harvest problems. If CA did, we have suggested the HG at the CA border to give the state inseason authority to act. No formal Council recommendation has ever included values for three state harvest guidelines or targets, yet values keep coming forward from the GMT and are now included in the DEIS. What happens on the Council floor, particularly guidance in the form of motions that are voted on by the Council, should drive this process, not the desires of the GMT or the any particular states. We have often talked about keeping these types of policy issues out of the GMT. This was voted on the Council floor twice and yet different state by state target numbers issues continue to come forward. She strongly supports a coastwide approach at this time. Because of this lack of consistency, she now can support one coastwide harvest guideline for yelloweye at this time.