

The PFMC should send a letter to William Robinson, Regional Administrator, NMFS Pacific Island Region, making the following points:

- Considering that the MOU dealing with the appointments to the Advisory Committee for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission has not been completed;
- Considering that the nominations for appointments were published in the Federal Register on July 4, 2007, with a cutoff date of September 10, 2007;
- Considering that the PFMC is not equipped to nominate specific individuals in a timely manner;
- Considering the importance that the U.S. West Coast highly migratory species issues and fisheries are represented on the Advisory Committee;

Therefore, the PFMC requests representation for West Coast based advisors on the WCPFC Advisory Committee at a level equal to that of the WPFMC.

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