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February 25, 2016

Dorothy Lowman, Chair  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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**RE: Agenda Item I.2 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures**

Dear Chair Lowman and Council Members:

I write to express The Pew Charitable Trusts' support for Corey Ridings' nomination to the vacant California seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS). My staff and I have worked closely with Corey over the past several years on West Coast fisheries issues and believe she would make an excellent addition to the EAS.

Since moving into her current position as a policy analyst with Ocean Conservancy in 2013, Corey has actively participated in many aspects of the Council process, particularly with respect to the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) and its corresponding initiatives. On behalf of the Ocean Conservancy, she was involved in the development of the Unmanaged Forage Fish Initiative, and is currently playing a coordinating role for the conservation community as it seeks to participate in the new Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative. Corey has a keen understanding of the Council process and her focus on utilizing the FEP to help operationalize ecosystem-based fishery management in particular would be a great asset to the EAS, especially as this advisory body continues to help guide the development of additional FEP initiatives in the coming years.

In addition to her strong policy and fishery management experience, Corey is both creative and analytical in her consideration of complex issues, dedicated to the conservation and science-based stewardship of West Coast fisheries, and committed to consensus and inclusive decision-making. As a member of the EAS, we know that she would bring the same spirit of collaboration and integrity that characterizes all of her work.

We highly recommend Corey for the vacant California seat on the EAS, and are confident that her perspectives and skills would be of great benefit to the subpanel. Thank you for your consideration and for your work to ensure healthy ocean ecosystems that are critical for sustainable fisheries.

Sincerely,

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February 29, 2016

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**RE: Agenda Item I.2 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures**

Dear Chair Lowman and Council Members:

I'm writing to express Oceana's support for Corey Ridings' appointment to the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS). Oceana has worked closely with Corey both in her current role at Ocean Conservancy and in former roles with the Pew Charitable Trusts and the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee. We believe she would do an excellent job representing California on the EAS.

In addition to her strong policy experience, Corey has a working understanding of fisheries from her positions as a U.S. Peace Corps Coastal Resources Volunteer and as a North Pacific groundfish observer. She brings passion and understanding from these experiences to her current role, and has shown a deep-rooted commitment to sustainable fisheries and fishing communities. Corey is well-suited for appointment to the EAS – she is currently coordinating conservation community efforts around the Coordinated Ecosystem Review Initiative, and focuses on utilizing the Fishery Ecosystem Plan. She often speaks on behalf of the conservation community, and consistently shows keen and compassionate analytical skills in addition to a deep understanding of ecosystem-based management theory and practice.

Corey's approach to her work is one of collaboration and team-orientation. She has shown willingness to work with other people and organizations, and we believe would bring this to her work on the EAS. We highly recommend Corey for appointment to the EAS, and appreciate the on-going work of the Council to ensure a healthy ecosystem.

Sincerely,



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