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### **PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council announces the appointment of Mr. Donald Hansen as the new Chair of the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Mr. Hansen's appointment was made at the Council's September meeting in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Hansen is serving his first term, which expires August 10, 2003. He is a life-long participant in marine fisheries off California and has been the owner of Dana Wharf Sportfishing since 1971. He has been the Vice President of the Sportfishing Association of California since 1987 and the President of Dana Point Harbor since 1992. Mr. Hansen has been involved with the Council since 1977. He served on the Council's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel from 1977 to 1999, and served as its Chair from 1985 to 1999. Mr. Hansen was the Commissioner for the State of California on the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission from 1985 to 1989, and has been a member of the Commission's advisory panel from 1985 to the present. He also has been a member of the NOAA Fisheries Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee from 1990 to 1999, serving as Chair from 1997 to 1999.

Mr. David W. Ortmann, a fishery biologist and recreational angler from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was appointed as Vice Chair at the Council's September meeting. His term will expire August 10, 2004. Mr. Ortmann received a bachelor's degree in fisheries from Humboldt State University in 1962. He served briefly with California Department of Fish and Game and retired from Idaho Department of Fish and Game in 1995. Mr. Ortmann was a member of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee from 1978 to 1981 and served on the Council's Salmon Advisory Subpanel from 1996-2000. He has been an avid recreational angler since the age of eight and is the author of more than 50 technical fisheries research and management reports. Apart from fisheries, his interests include hunting, jet-boating, golf, running, and fly-tying.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 for the purpose of managing fisheries 3-200 miles offshore of the United States of America coastline. The Pacific Council is responsible for fisheries off the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington.