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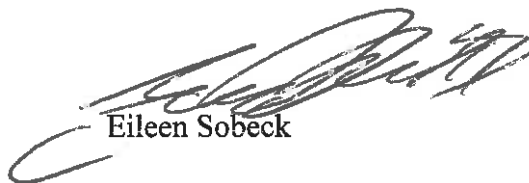
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Dear Dr. McIsaac:

Thank you for your cosigned letter regarding recommendations to address Pacific bluefin tuna overfishing. You provided updated information on the Pacific Council recommendations, with which the Western Pacific Council has concurred. You also summarized the international efforts to address the status of this stock and reiterated your support for a coordinated approach in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, who now need to develop a credible plan for Pacific bluefin tuna in 2014 with specific rebuilding targets.

I appreciate your pledge to monitor this situation and I call your attention to the recent stock assessment update, which does not appreciably change the status of this stock. I look forward to your continued involvement with us as we pursue rebuilding plans in the two regional fisheries management organizations.

Sincerely,



Eileen Sobeck

