

Northwest Sardine Survey, LLC  
c/o Astoria Holdings  
12 Bellweather Way, Suite 209  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dr. Donald McIsaac  
Executive Director  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
Portland, OR 97220

October 2, 2013

Dear Dr. McIsaac:

As you know, the Northwest Sardine Survey, LLC has conducted an aerial sardine survey under exempted fishing permits (EFPs), approved by PFMC (Council) and granted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), in recent years (2009, 2011, 2012, and 2013). This work has been conducted for the purpose of contributing to the stock assessment of Pacific sardine, to inform fisheries management.

Please consider this our letter of intent to request an EFP to conduct the aerial sardine survey again in 2014. The timing will be essentially the same as in 2012. The requested amount of fish is uncertain at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Thon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jerry Thon,  
Principal, NWSS LLC