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**PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN,  
VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council announces the election of Mr. Donald Hansen as the new Council Chairman and Mr. David Ortmann as the new Council Vice Chairman. The election occurred at the Council's September 2003 meeting in Seattle, Washington. The term for each runs through December 31, 2004.

Donald Hansen, a resident of Dana Point, California, 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. His credentials include extensive involvement in other regional and national fishery management forums, including Commissioner for the State of California on the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission from 1985 to 1989 Commission advisory panel representative from 1985 to the present as well as being a member of the National Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee from 1990 to 1999, serving as its Chair from 1997 to 1999.

David Ortmann, a fishery biologist and recreational angler from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, has filled the Idaho Obligatory Council member seat since August 11, 2002. Mr. Ortmann received a bachelor's degree in fisheries management from Humboldt State University in 1962. He served briefly with California Department of Fish and Game, had a full career with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, retiring from state service in 1995. He is the author of more than 50 technical fisheries research and management reports and has extensive knowledge in the area of recreational fishing. 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.

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 to 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.

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