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February 20, 2002

Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director
 Pacific Fishery Management Council
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 Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

Dear Dr. McIsaac:

We request the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) please consider a proposal for the transfer of management authority for cabezon, kelp greenling, and all minor nearshore rockfish harvested off California to the State. The proposal would involve the removal, deferral or delegation of these species from the Pacific Coast Groundfish Management Plan, which would require an amendment to the federal plan.

California's request for management authority comes after a decade of decline in nearshore groundfish stocks, aggravated relations between recreational and commercial fishermen, gear conflicts between different components of the fisheries, and a change in oceanographic conditions that has reduced productivity and recruitment of nearshore groundfish stocks. The California Legislature passed the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) in 1998. The Act provides that fishery management plans will form the basis for managing California's recreational and commercial marine fisheries and requires the California Fish and Game Commission to adopt a fishery management plan for the nearshore fishery. A total of 19 species has been identified in our draft nearshore fishery management plan. Sixteen of these species are managed by the Council under the Groundfish Plan (see enclosed table). Consequently, we cannot implement our nearshore plan and address the concerns of our constituents and the status of our resources without the management authority for those nearshore groundfish listed in the federal plan and for which we have overlapping jurisdictions.

We request the opportunity to discuss our proposal at the March 2002 meeting under the agenda item set aside for issues related to Groundfish Strategic Plan Implementation. As you will recall, transfer of management authority for certain nearshore groundfish stocks is one of the recommendations contained in the Council's Groundfish Strategic Plan. In our Council discussion, we will provide the basis for our

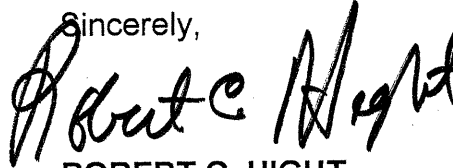
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request and lay out a proposed time line for completion of a groundfish plan amendment. We recognize the heavy work load that Council and National Marine Fisheries Service staff are currently facing, so we will offer to undertake (with Council and NMFS guidance) most of the workload associated with the plan amendment process.

The Department's Intergovernmental Affairs Representative, Mr. LB Boydston, will be available at your meeting to discuss our proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Hight". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

ROBERT C. HIGHT
Director

Enclosure

cc: L. B. Boydston, Representative
Intergovernmental Affairs Office

Robert R. Treanor, Executive Director
California Fish and Game Commission

**INFORMATIONAL TABLE FOR 16 NEARSHORE GROUNDFISH
UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO CALIFORNIA**

SPECIES	Coastal Distribution		Depth* (ft) Distribution				Harvest		Harvest Location		Landings by % Weight California**			Landing*** Condition		Management Measures					
	Offshore	Onshore	< OR = 180	< OR = 360	< OR = 540	> 540	GA	OR	WA	GA Waters	Federal Waters	Hook-and-line	Trap	Trawl	Net	Misc/unknown	% Live	% Dead	Min-Size Limits	Species OY+	Group OY++
Black RF							X	X	X	70	30	96	3	3	1	1	6	94		X	X
Blue RF			X				X	X	X	60	40	96	1	1	2	2	6	94		X	X
Cabezon			X				X	X	X	94	6	73	26	2	1	1	84	16	X	X	X
China RF				X			X	X	X	78	22	97		6	1	1	40	60	X	X	X
Kelp Gm			X				X	X	X	81	19	69	24	6	1	1	82	18	X	X	X
Scorpionfish					X		X	X	X	60	40	55	7	32	1	1	48	52	X	X	X
Copper RF					X		X	X	X	68	32	97	1	1	2	2	22	78		X	X
Brown RF			X				X	X	X	83	17	88	1	9	2	2	51	49		X	X
Gopher RF			X				X	X	X	95	5	88	10	1	1	1	66	34	X	X	X
Quillback RF			X				X	X	X	74	25	98		1	1	1	45	55		X	X
Grass RF			X				X	X	X	99	1	90	9		1	1	88	12	X	X	X
Kelp RF			X				X	X	X	98	2	93	5	1	1	1	71	29	X	X	X
Treefish			X				X	X	X	100	0	85	3	11	1	1	55	45		X	X
Olive RF			X				X	X	X	85	15	95	2	3	2	2	28	72		X	X
Blk&Ylw RF			X				X	X	X	99	1	72	28	3	2	2	63	37	X	X	X
Calico RF				X			X	X	X	99	1								X	X	X

* Common Distribution

** Cmaster Data From 1994-2000

*** Percent Live Verses Dead Based on Condition Recorded on Market Receipts, 1994-2000

+ Species specific OY black rf PFMC; cabezon and greenlings California

++ Group OY for minor rockfish PFMC

