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Mr. Jim Harp
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Dear Mr. Harp: *Jim*

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking formal appointments to the Salmon Model Evaluation Work Group (MEW), a newly established technical advisory body. Appointees should have expertise in the areas of fishery modeling and fishery management. At its April 2003 meeting, the Council approved formation of the MEW with one seat each for the following agencies:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Department of Fish and Game
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Marine Fisheries Service

In addition, the Council established seats on the MEW for the Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). These seats, however, could be filled by one of the agency positions. If the STT or SSC seats are not filled through agency appointees, the Council will solicit members of the STT and SSC directly.

The MEW is a Council sponsored body, and as such, the Council will reimburse non-federal members for travel and per diem expenses at established federal government per diem rates.

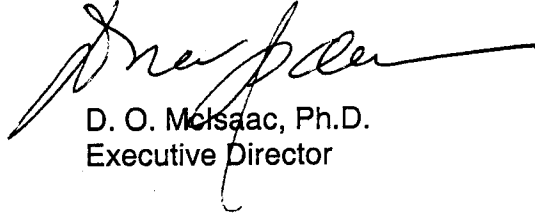
At this time the Council requests you submit the name and a *curriculum vitae* or résumé of an appointee for the seat representing your agency on the MEW. Please make your submissions to the Council office by May 28, 2003. The SSC will confirm nominations at the June Council meeting.

We expect the first meeting of the MEW to occur shortly after the June 16-20, 2003 Council meeting. Initial tasks for the MEW will be to assist in documentation of the chinook and coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Models (FRAMs), which will take place over the summer. Other tasks associated with model validation, verification and improvements for the FRAMs, and possibly other models, will follow as appropriate.

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The Council appreciates your contribution to improving the salmon management process and looks forward to formation and the activities of the MEW. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chuck Tracy, the Council's salmon staff officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. O. McIsaac", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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