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Dr. Donald O. McIsaac
Executive Director
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Don:

We would like to request the Council conduct a review of the analytical methods used in the 2003 bocaccio stock assessments. The bocaccio STAR panel found the new CPUE analysis used in this assessment innovative, and suggested that it might have wide applicability for other West Coast rockfishes. Therefore, it is appropriate for the Council to use its review process to evaluate this new method.

The Northwest Fisheries Science Center will be happy to coordinate this review and work with the Council staff during the review process. The Southwest Fisheries Science Center scientist, Alec MacCall, will be available to provide information and analyses to the review panel.

Sincerely,

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