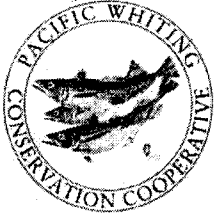


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Mr. Donald K. Hansen, Chairman
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200
Portland, OR 97220

Re: Allocation Committee Non-Voting Advisory Member Composition

Dear Chairman Hansen:

The Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative (PWCC) requests that the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) consider amending the Allocation Committee's Council Operating Procedure by adding a Whiting Fishery seat to the Committee's non-voting advisory membership. We recognize that the non-voting advisors were impaneled to specifically advise the Allocation Committee about development of the trawl individual quota (IQ) program. However, it appears very likely that the role of the advisors will expand beyond trawl IQ to other allocation-related matters, such as sectoral bycatch caps under Amendment 18.

The whiting fishery is unique among the West Coast groundfish fisheries, notably most participants specialize solely in the whiting fishery. We believe that the current Allocation Committee provides only limited representation for the whiting fishery and that the Committee and the whiting industry would both strongly benefit from a member from the whiting industry. We feel it is important the PFMC consider this request at its September 2005 meeting to ensure that, if the PFMC concurs with our request, an appointment can be made in time for the Allocation Committee meeting in November 2005.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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

Daniel A. Waldeck
Executive Director