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Mr. Donald Hansen, Chairman
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Portland, OR 97220-1384

Dr. Donald McIsaac, Executive Director
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Mr. Hansen and Dr. McIsaac:

I understand the Pacific Fishery Management Council is seeking a candidate to fill the conservation group vacancy on the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel. I respectfully submit for your consideration Ben Enticknap, Pacific Project Manager for Oceana.

Working out of our Portland, Oregon office, Ben is an integral part of Oceana's Pacific Team. We are dedicated to protecting Pacific ocean ecosystems, marine life, and habitat from pollution; and to developing alternatives to destructive human practices. Using science, law, public education, and advocacy, the Pacific Team has been instrumental in developing management and scientific tools that provide this and future generations opportunities for sustainable ocean use and healthy seafood.

Ben Enticknap has over four years of direct experience with marine science and policy. Prior to joining Oceana, Ben was the Fisheries Project Coordinator for the Alaska Marine Conservation Council (AMCC). He was instrumental in developing the organization's understanding of marine science and worked with communities, fishermen, scientists, managers and conservation organizations on a broad range of issues including habitat protection, bycatch reduction, and overfishing.

In addition to his work at AMCC, Ben has direct experience with science, management, and fisheries through research and management projects with the University of California, Berkeley, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and as a commercial fisherman. Moreover, his work experience is built on a strong foundation from studies in biology and marine sciences at the University of Oregon and the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology at Charleston.

It would be Ben's privilege to serve the Pacific Fishery Management Council as a member of the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel. As we clearly demonstrated during the Essential Fish Habitat Environmental Impact Statement process, Oceana's Pacific Team has the talent, ability, and desire to be a part of the solution for ocean management challenges today. If you have questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 586-4050 or jayers@oceana.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Ayers
Vice President and Director of the Pacific