



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Under Secretary of Commerce**  
**for Oceans and Atmosphere**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

SEP 11 2009

D.O. McIsaac, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place  
Portland, OR 97220

Dear Dr. McIsaac:

Thank you for your letter regarding establishment of a regional forum for the California River systems. The ocean salmon fisheries on the West Coast are economically important to the region and the Nation as a whole. I appreciate the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) action to close the fishery in 2008 and 2009 and your proactive approach to this important and complex issue.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service is engaged with various partners including the Council on both the state and federal level throughout the region regarding salmon conservation and management. Issuance of the recent Central Valley Biological Opinion is an example.

I would like to accept your proposal for a meeting to discuss establishment of a forum to improve the West Coast salmon fisheries and their ecosystem and ask that you meet with my Senior Advisor, Monica Medina. Please contact Allandra Washington at (202) 482-3567 to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Lubchenco".

Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D.  
Under Secretary of Commerce  
for Oceans and Atmosphere

THE ADMINISTRATOR

