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Dear Frank,

We want to thank you for taking the time to meet with Burt Parker, Chris Peterson, Mark Scheer and me on Thursday, November 13 to discuss the Pacific Dawn, LLC's unique circumstances within the context of Amendment 20. This letter is to confirm and provide a summary of our discussions regarding the combined whiting harvesting history associated with Pacific Dawn, LLC and the F/V PACIFIC CHALLENGER. As we discussed, the whiting harvesting history of two vessels (the AMBER DAWN and the PACIFIC CHALLENGER) has been combined onto a single vessel and the Pacific whiting history to a single permit (GF0273) and both vessels were long time participants in the fishery.

The Peterson family has owned the PACIFIC CHALLENGER since it was built in the late 1960's and has a long history in the Pacific whiting fishery. The PACIFIC CHALLENGER made its first deliveries in the fishery in 1983. And, for 20 of the last 22 years, it made significant landings in the mothership sector. In addition to its extensive mothership sector history, the PACIFIC CHALLENGER also made significant whiting deliveries to shoreside processors each season from 2000 to the present.

Burt Parker is the owner of Amber Dawn Fisheries, LLC (the owner of the F/V AMBER DAWN). The AMBER DAWN participated in the Pacific whiting fishery for many years, beginning in 1988. It delivered to the GOLDEN ALASKA from 1990 through 2001. After the LEP program was implemented in 1993, the AMBER DAWN made significant shoreside and mothership deliveries in 1994, 1995 and 1996 using a West Coast Groundfish Trawl B permit issued by the NMFS to Amber Dawn Fisheries, LLC.

Steve Hughes

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Although 1996 was the last season that the "Trawl B" permits were utilized, the AMBER DAWN continued to participate in the Pacific whiting fishery utilizing leased permits until 2002, when the vessel was lost in a tragic accident.

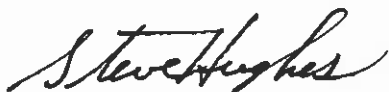
After the loss of the AMBER DAWN, Burt looked for another vessel to place his fishing rights and history on. The F/V PACIFIC CHALLENGER turned out to be the right fit. The vessel had a West Coast groundfish permit and was very active in the Pacific whiting fishery, as well as several other fisheries that the AMBER DAWN had participated in. So, in November 2004, the Petersons (Chris and his father Chet) and Burt (through Amber Dawn Fisheries, LLC) formed Pacific Dawn, LLC. All fishing rights and history associated with the AMBER DAWN were assigned and merged with those associated with the PACIFIC CHALLENGER. As part of the same transaction, Pacific Dawn, LLC became the sole owner the PACIFIC CHALLENGER. Pacific Dawn and the PACIFIC CHALLENGER have continued their active participation in the shoreside and mothership sectors of the Pacific whiting fishery every season since the operations merged.

The reason for our request to meet with you is to ensure that, when calculating the total fishing history associated with GF0273 and the relative harvesting percentages for the initial allocation of quota shares in each sector under Amendment 20, the AMBER DAWN history for 1994-6 is included as part of that calculation. As we discussed, the AMBER DAWN's whiting history was unquestionably derived under the express authorization of, and license issued by, the NMFS. This history is directly associated with and has been inseparably merged with that of GF0273. Therefore, the Amber Dawn harvesting history should appropriately be included as part of the total history of GF0273 when NMFS makes its "Official Record".

Thank you again for your time and attention. Should you have any further questions or comments, or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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