



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Mr. Bob King  
Legislative Assistant to Senator Mark Begich  
Russell Senate Office Building  
Room 111  
2 Constitution Avenue NE  
Washington, D.C. 20510-0204

Dear Mr. King: <sup>Bob</sup>

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) has been closely following the actions by the Senate and House in reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), including the discussion draft recently prepared by Senate staff. As you know, the Pacific Council is only able to discuss MSA reauthorization during our Council meetings, which occur five times a year. The Pacific Council would very much like to discuss and provide our input into the discussion draft.

We understand there may be some momentum building for Committee action on the Senate Staff Draft in mid-May. Because of our pre-set Council meeting schedule, we request you put forward consideration of scheduling Committee action on this important matter to a period after our Council meeting on June 19-25, 2014.

The Pacific Council process includes a thorough review by our Legislative Committee, which makes specific recommendations for full Council consideration. The Council also takes written statements from other formal advisory bodies, including two for each of five Fishery Management Plans and the Pacific Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. The Pacific Council also considers recommendations of governmental entities and public testimony prior to taking action on specific positions.

We greatly appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. O. McIsaac".

D. O. McIsaac, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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