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Mr. Phil Anderson
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Dear Mr. Anderson

I am writing in response to your letter of April 8, 2016 regarding the status of the PSC Chinook Model calibration for 2016.

We are in accord with the U.S. agreement to support the use of all agency forecasts in the model calibration for 2016, as summarized in the table in your letter, and agree with the recommendation that the CTC formalize the model run using all agency forecasts.

We are pleased to agree on the need for a technical review of agency and model pre-season forecasts to improve on current methods. While the use of the Chinook Interface Group (CIG) to develop a process and timeline is acceptable to Canada, we also note that there are broader surrounding issues that would benefit from a face to face CIG meeting at our earliest mutual convenience. At such a meeting, the CIG could focus on the forecasting review, but also discuss the ongoing challenges with managing this fishery as we approach the development of a new chapter.

I hope that our additions to your recommendations are seen as useful and that the process for this

year's fishery planning, as well as longer term elements can be addressed.

Thank you to you and your colleagues for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Farlinger".

Susan Farlinger
Pacific Salmon Commission Vice-Chair

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