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## Dear Sir/Madam

In October 2016, Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program finalized their first Standard for Salmonid Fisheries. This Standard will be used for all future assessments of wild capture fisheries for salmonids, and we want to ensure that stakeholders, scientists and managers are aware of the Standard, what data we will be looking for when conducting assessments, and where there may be opportunities to work more closely together in the future. We are seeking your expert opinion to ensure Seafood Watch salmonid assessments accurately reflect the latest scientific understanding and management of these complex fisheries.

With that in mind, we would like to **invite you to join us on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm, at the Doubletree by Hilton Sacramento for a presentation and discussion of the Seafood Watch Standard for Salmonid Fisheries.** This meeting will provide an opportunity to learn about the Seafood Watch assessment process, timelines for future salmonid assessments and for a discussion of whether current data availability meets the data requirements of the Standard, and how to reconcile any potential mismatches.

We anticipate that this will be the first of several meetings of this nature over the next 12 months, so please do not worry if you are unable to attend this meeting; however if you are available we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss how Seafood Watch will be assessing salmonid fisheries in the future. Please feel free to forward this invitation to colleagues that may be interested in this opportunity.

## **Meeting Details:**

Date: Sunday 9th April 2017

Time: 1pm-4pm

Venue: California Salon 3, Doubletree by Hilton Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way,

Sacramento CA 95815

Best Regards,

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