



May 31, 2017

Mr. Herb Pollard, Chair
Pacific Fishery Management Council
1100 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, OR 97220

RE: Agenda Item C.7 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures

Dear Chair Pollard and Council Members:

On behalf of our respective organizations, we write in support of Corey Ridings' nomination to the vacant California seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS). We have worked closely with Corey over the past several years on West Coast fisheries issues and we believe that she would make an excellent addition to the EAS.

Since moving into her current position as a policy analyst with Ocean Conservancy in 2013, Corey has actively participated in many aspects of the Council process, particularly with respect to the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) and its subsequent initiatives. She closely tracked the development of the Unmanaged Forage Fish Initiative, played a lead role for the conservation community in our work on the recently completed Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative, and is currently providing input via both the EAS and the Ecosystem Workgroup on the scoping of two new initiatives on climate impacts and socio-economic factors affecting fisheries and fishing communities. Corey's understanding of the Council process in general and her focus on the capacity of the FEP to help operationalize ecosystem-based fishery management in particular would be a great asset to the EAS, especially as this advisory body continues to help guide the development of additional FEP initiatives in the coming years.

In addition to her strong policy and fishery management experience, Corey is both creative and analytical in her consideration of complex issues, dedicated to the conservation and science-based stewardship of West Coast fisheries, and committed to consensus and inclusive decision-making. As a member of the EAS, we know that she would bring the same spirit of collaboration and integrity that characterizes all of her work.

We highly recommend Corey for the vacant California seat on the EAS, and are confident that her perspectives and skills would be of great benefit to the subpanel. Thank you for your consideration, and for your work to ensure sustainable fishing and healthy ocean ecosystems.

Sincerely,

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Anna Weinstein
Marine Program Director
Audubon California

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Seth Atkinson".

Seth Atkinson
Staff Attorney, Oceans Program
Natural Resources Defense Council

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Shively".

Paul Shively
Project Director, U.S. Oceans, Pacific
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Re: Agenda Item C.7: Membership Appointments

Dear Chair Pollard and Council Members:

Wild Oceans wishes to express support for the nomination of Corey Ridings to the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel. Ms. Ridings would tirelessly represent Californian's and their interest in developing the Fishery Ecosystem Plan to enhance the Pacific Fishery Management Council's species-specific management programs with more ecosystem science and broader ecosystem considerations. She would serve with integrity, conviction and determination.

Corey Ridings has broad objectivity that comes from developing and strengthening sustainability projects with local fishermen in the Philippines, participating in federal fisheries management, representing Ocean Conservancy in California for the past three years to build a sustainable ocean ecosystem and observing fisheries in the north Pacific. I've worked with Ms. Ridings for six years and am inspired by her dedication, attention to detail and ability to work with adverse interests to find common ground for the sake of a healthy ocean ecosystem including coastal communities. Corey has spent the past three years working to advance the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan. We have trusted her to speak on behalf of Wild Oceans in joint testimony and would be honored to have her representation on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel.

Thank you for your consideration of Corey Ridings. Wild Oceans began working more than forty years ago to protect highly migratory species and expanded our work to preserve their open-ocean habitats and the prey base they need to survive. Ms. Ridings' appointment to the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel would help ensure this vision for California and the entire west coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Theresa Labriola", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Theresa Labriola
Pacific Project Director