



Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
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November 1, 2017

RE: MTC support for Sarah Nayani for trawl at-large seat on Groundfish Advisory Panel

Dear Chair Anderson & Council Members:

Please accept these comments on behalf of the Midwater Trawlers Cooperative. MTC represents 26 commercial trawl catcher vessels who participate in both the at-sea mothership and shoreside whiting fisheries as well as the traditional bottom-trawl Groundfish fishery on the west coast.

MTC strongly supports the appointment of Ms. Sarah Nayani to fill the at-large trawl seat on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recently vacated by Mr. Brent Paine. Ms. Nayani has already proven to be a great addition to the GAP after filling in as Mr. Paine's alternate on a few occasions. Although early in her career, she brings a wealth of experience to the GAP that likely cannot be matched by other applicants. Having begun her career at NMFS, she is aware of the federal fisheries management process and has a thorough understanding of the inner-working of the agency. Having transitioned to a career in the private sector, Ms. Nayani now has a broader understanding of how policy and regulations directly impact the operations of a fishing business. Having experience in both worlds makes her uniquely qualified to represent the trawl industry on the GAP.

Ms. Nayani has demonstrated a willingness to understand an issue from all angles and make educated and thoughtful decisions and recommendations once hearing all sides. She has first-hand experience on a trawl vessel and understands fishing operations. She also understands the challenges that face processors. If she does not know something, she researches it. Further, Ms. Nayani is a gifted speaker and talented writer – both useful qualities in a GAP member. I think you will agree, Ms. Nayani would be a tremendous asset to the GAP – MTC members strongly support her appoint to the vacant at-large trawl seat on this important Council panel.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Heather Munro Mann

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November 6, 2017

Mr. Phil Anderson  
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Dear Chairman Anderson and Council Members,

I am submitting this letter in support of Sarah Nayani's nomination for the trawl at-large vacancy on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel. Sarah's background of implementing the West Coast Trawl Catch Share Program while working at National Marine Fisheries Service gives her unique knowledge and insight into the issues currently facing the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Sarah has been recently involved in the Council process while serving as Brent Paine's alternate on the GAP as the trawl at-large representative at the April 2017 and June 2017 Council meetings. As the Council moves forward with the 5-year review of the Catch Shares Program, it is important to have representatives that brings regulatory and policy perspective to the GAP, and Sarah certainly possesses these qualifications.

Thank you,

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Travis Hunter  
Bottom Trawl Representative, GAP