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Dear Mr. Tracy,

This letter transmits the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) intent to add personnel for the Service's designee on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC).

The Service would like to designate four additional representatives to serve as designees, in addition to Mr. Mike Clark and Dr. Denise Hawkins, increasing the total number of designees to six. We would also like to include all of our designees on the Habitat Committee as well. Mr. Roy Elicker is the Assistant Regional Director for Fisheries and Aquatic Conservation; Mr. Roger Root serves as the Deputy Director at the Abernathy Fish Technology Center; Dr. Kyle Hanson serves as the Deputy Director at the Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office; and, Mr. John Netto serves as the Pacific Region Fish Passage and Habitat Partnership Coordinator. Please find biographies for these individuals in the attached enclosure.

The Service looks forward to continuing our involvement in the PFMC. Please feel free to contact Mr. Dan Nehler by phone 503-231-6835 or email dan_nehler@fws.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Foerster

Acting Regional Director

Enclosure:

Mr. Roy Elicker

Assistant Regional Director for Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Roy Elicker is the Pacific Region, Assistant Regional Director for Fish and Aquatic Conservation, with the oversight of ~300 employees in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Hawaii. The program consists of 15 National Fish Hatcheries, 4 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices, the Pacific Region Fish Health Center, the Abernathy Fish Technology Center, the Lower Snake River Compensation Program Office, and an additional 30 owned and/or administered facilities operated by our partner States and Tribes. This network of facilities plays a vital role in the Pacific Northwest's salmon recovery efforts, which includes the production of approximately 60 million salmon and steelhead each year. Roy has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in wildlife biology from Rutgers University, and a Juris Doctorate in Environmental Law from Lewis and Clark College Northwest School of Law. He is an avid upland bird and waterfowl hunter, occasional fisherman, and general outdoor enthusiast.

Dr. Denise Hawkins

Complex Manager – Puget Sound/Olympic Peninsula Complex

Dr. Denise Hawkins began her current position as the Puget Sound/Olympic Peninsula Complex Manager for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in November 2016. The Complex includes Quilcene, Quinault, and Makah National Fish Hatcheries which annually release over 6 million salmon and steelhead in support of tribal, recreational, and commercial fisheries. The Complex also includes the Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office with a staff of fish and wildlife biologists, hatchery operation specialists, bio-statisticians, and support personnel that work on a variety of projects affecting wild and hatchery fish and other aquatic resources in addition to carrying out the marking and tagging of the fish released from the three hatcheries. Dr. Hawkins joined the USFWS in 2008 serving as the Regional Geneticist for the Pacific and Pacific Southwest Regions for five years before assuming the position of Project Leader for the Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office. Prior to joining the USFWS, she worked for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in the Molecular Genetics Laboratory in various roles. Dr. Hawkins has represented the USFWS on the Pacific Salmon Commission Southern Panel since 2008 where she works on international fisheries management in the Southern Boundary area. Dr. Hawkins has a BS in Molecular Biochemistry (University of California, Davis) and a PhD in Fisheries (University of Washington).

Dr. Kyle C. Hanson

Deputy Director, Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office

Dr. Kyle C. Hanson has served as the Deputy Project Leader for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office since 2017. As the Deputy Project Leader, Dr. Hanson oversees a staff of 45 that work on a wide variety of fish-related issues including: conservation of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); annual mass marking of over 30 million hatchery salmon reared at 11 National Fish Hatcheries; assessment of wild populations of salmon; producing biological assessments and opinions for activities related to ESA-listed species managed by the USFWS; assessing the impacts of climate change on fish and USFWS facilities; and coordination with Tribal, state, and federal agencies throughout the Columbia River Basin. Prior to his current position, Dr. Hanson served as the Regional Fish Physiologist and Program Head for the Applied Research Program in Physiology and Nutrition at the USFWS Abernathy Fish Technology Center. In that role, he managed a research group investigating the impacts of habitat restoration on the condition of salmon smolts and differences in physiology and fitness between hatchery and wild steelhead. The group also developed non-lethal methods for tagging and physiologically sampling ESA-listed species and investigated novel aquaculture techniques and diets for threatened and endangered species. He is looking forward to representing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and becoming engaged with the issues confronting the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Roger Root

Deputy Director, Abernathy Fish Technology Center

Roger Root began his current position as the Deputy Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Abernathy Fish Technology Center (FTC) in Longview, WA, in 2017. Abernathy FTC is comprised of three applied research programs: Conservation Genetics, Nutrition & Physiology, and Quantitative Ecology & Technology, which conduct studies and provide technical assistance and expertise within USFWS and to external partners and stakeholders. These programs assist in conservation, mitigation, Tribal trust responsibilities, restoration, and recovery efforts for fishery resources, primarily focused within Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, and Nevada. This is accomplished through the development and evaluation of new methods, concepts, and systems, as well as the application of existing methods and concepts to emerging issues. All of Abernathy FTC's research involves collaborations with various partners: other USFWS offices and resource programs as well as various external partners (other federal agencies, state agencies, Tribal governments, and non-governmental organizations). Prior to his current position, Mr. Root worked for the USFWS in southern California for 14 years, most recently as the Deputy Field Supervisor of the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office.

John Netto

Pacific Region Fish Passage and Habitat Partnership Coordinator

John Netto has served as the Regional fish passage and habitat partnerships program coordinator since 2017. In this role, he works with five USFWS field offices and many partners to implement habitat restoration and fish passage improvement projects throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Hawaii. Prior to his current position, he was the USFWS lead for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, a long term multi-party effort to restore flows and reintroduce Chinook salmon to California's second longest river. In this role, he led the development of the salmon reintroduction strategy, ensured regulatory compliance for all fishery actions, and ensured water management and construction projects supported the fishery goal of the San Joaquin River Restoration Act. During his 17 year tenure with USFWS, Mr. Netto has also managed the California Delta Juvenile Fish Monitoring Program with a staff of 30 employees, contributed to harvest management of whitefish, lake trout and yellow perch, and conducted stock assessment modeling in the Great Lakes.