

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

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Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair Pacific Fishery Management Council 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101 Portland, OR 97225

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region (WCR) is proud of its long-standing positive and productive partnership with the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) in managing fisheries resources off the U.S. West Coast. As transitions occur, we remain committed to maintaining this relationship. The WCR would like to request one change to its designees.

The WCR is thankful for the many contributions of Mr. Peter Dygert, who served as a designee on Pacific Salmon issues before the Council. We wish him and his family the best in his retirement. The WCR requests that Ms. Susan Bishop, of the WCR's Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD) be recognized to replace Mr. Dygert as the designee on Pacific salmon fisheries. Ms. Bishop is currently the Anadromous Harvest Management Branch Chief for WCR SFD.

Ms. Bishop has thirty years of experience working with a diverse group of tribal, state, federal and Canadian managers on West Coast domestic and international fisheries issues; 20 of those with the WCR. She has provided support to NMFS and SFD leadership during Council meetings for Puget Sound issues and served as the NMFS representative during the North of Falcon process to ensure fishing regimes are consistent with Magnuson Stevens Act, Endangered Species Act, and Pacific Salmon Treaty provisions. Ms. Bishop has Bachelor's Degrees from University of Miami in marine science and biology and a Master's Degree from the University of Washington in fisheries science.

Thank you for the strong partnership with the WCR. We look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely.

Barry A. Thom

Regional Administrator

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