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Chuck Tracy, Executive Director  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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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 two additional representatives to serve as designees, Mr. David Teuscher and Mr. Tom Sinclair. We would also like to include these designees on the Habitat Committee. Mr. Teuscher currently serves as the Project Leader at the Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office and Mr. Sinclair is the Westside Line Supervisor at the Columbia-Pacific Northwest Regional Office. 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. Mike Clark by phone 509-493-2989 or email [michael\\_1\\_clark@fws.gov](mailto:michael_1_clark@fws.gov), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Acting** Regional Director

Enclosure:

## **Mr. David Teuscher**

### **Project Leader – Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office**

Mr. David Teuscher began his current position as the Project Leader over the Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in May 2019. As the Project Leader, Mr. Teuscher oversees 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 in Western Washington and Puget Sound. Prior to joining the Service, Mr. Teuscher held numerous positions with Idaho Department of Fish and Game including: State Fishery Manager, Regional Fishery Manager, Principal Research Biologist, and regional fisheries biologist. Prior to Idaho, Mr. Teuscher worked for Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and private industry. Through that diverse work history, he gained extensive experience developing harvest regulations, permitting commercial fishing operations, developing inter-state fisheries management plans, and serving on numerous recovery and fish restoration committees. A few of those committees included the Snake River Sockeye Salmon Technical Oversight Committee, Idaho State Lands Committee, and the Bear River Environmental Coordination Committee. Mr. Teuscher recently graduated from the National Conservation Leadership Institute and is excited to engage new partners on the important work being completed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

## **Mr. Tom Sinclair**

### **Westside Line Supervisor, Columbia-Pacific Northwest Regional Office**

Mr. Tom Sinclair has served as the Westside Line Supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program in the Columbia-Pacific Northwest Region since 2018. As the Westside Line Supervisor, Mr. Sinclair oversees operations at 12 fisheries facilities (nine National Fish Hatcheries, two Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices, and one Fish Technology Center) that are involved in 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 National Fish Hatcheries; assessment of wild populations of salmon; producing biological assessments and opinions for activities related to ESA-listed species managed by the Service; assessing the impacts of climate change on fish and Service facilities; and coordination with Tribal, state, and federal agencies throughout the Columbia River Basin. Mr. Sinclair's prior experience includes 38 years within the natural resources management field that included work with two State Game and Fish Agencies (7 years), as a contract biologist and a Department of Army Civilian biologist with the Department of Defense (10 years), and over 21 years as a Staff Biologist, Field Station Project Leader, Program Supervisor, Deputy Assistant Regional Director and Acting Assistant Regional Director with the Service at the Headquarters, Regional Office, and Field Station levels. This experience included participation in meetings of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.