

*Dorothy M Lowman
6507 SW Barnes Road
Portland, Oregon 97225
503-804-4234*

February 19, 2021

President Joseph R Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC 20500

Dear Honorable President Biden:

I have had the privilege of serving as a United States Commissioner to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) since 2014. The authorizing legislation implementing the Western and Central Fisheries Convention states that the Commissioner position that I currently hold shall be held by "the Chair or a member of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)".

While I was chair of the PFMC when appointed by President Obama, my nine-year tenure as a PFMC member has since ended. Therefore, I would like to respectfully submit my formal resignation as a WCPFC Commissioner so that you can begin the Presidential appointment process to fill this position with someone who currently meets all of the criteria laid out in the implementing legislation.

I will continue to support fishery management efforts across the Pacific in my ongoing role as Co-Chair of the IATTC/WCPFC Northern Committee Joint Working Group on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna, as well as serving as an Alternate Commissioner to the IATTC. It truly has been an honor to help represent the United States as a US Commissioner to the WCPFC for the past seven years. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,



Dorothy M Lowman

cc: Alexa Cole, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries
Michael Brakke, US Department of State, Office of Marine Conservation
Marc Gorelnik, Pacific Fishery Management Council Chair