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Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Chairman  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

Re: REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Chair Gorelnik:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) would like to make a change to our representation on the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG). Mr. Travis Buck has served on the EWG since March 2019 and will be stepping down as of September 15, 2021 due to other work obligations for the Department.

The Department would like you to appoint Ms. Elizabeth Hellmers to replace Mr. Buck effective September 15, 2021. In anticipation of this change, Ms. Hellmers has been shadowing Mr. Buck since March 2021. She is now familiar with the EWG members, versed in current activities, and well-prepared to assume this role.

Ms. Hellmers is a Senior Environmental Scientist who has been with the Department since 2013. She has several years' experience with recreational and commercial fisheries, is familiar with West Coast marine ecosystems, has been a part of the Council process for more than nine years, served as Co-Chair on the HMSMT since 2014, and has been involved in Department ecosystem management for the past four years.

On behalf of Mr. Buck, the Department would like to thank the Council staff for their friendship and assistance over Travis' two years of service. If you have specific questions, please contact me directly at 562-338-3068 or via email at [John.Ugoretz@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:John.Ugoretz@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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