



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
West Coast Region  
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Via Electronic Mail

Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Chair  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Dear Mr. Gorelnik:

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 addition to its designees.

The WCR requests that Ms. Keeley Kent, of the WCR's Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD) be recognized as a designee on Groundfish fisheries issues. Ms. Kent is currently the Groundfish Branch Chief for WCR SFD. Ms. Kent will replace Ms. Aja Szumylo, who longer works for the WCR.

Ms. Kent has over nine years of experience in fisheries management, the last four of which have been with the NMFS WCR and the Groundfish Branch, working with a diverse group of state and federal managers on West Coast fisheries issues. She has provided support to NMFS and SFD leadership during Council meetings for Groundfish issues, and in May 2021 stepped into the role of Branch Chief.

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

Sincerely,

Barry A. Thom  
for Regional Administrator

cc: Chuck Tracy. Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council

