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Merrick Burden, Executive Director
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

Dear Mr. Burden:

This letter transmits the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) intent to update designated Service personnel on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC).

The following designees will no longer serve on the PFMC: Mr. Roy Elicker, Mr. David Teuscher, Mr. Tom Sinclair, and Dr. Denise Hawkins.

We would like to add Dr. Benjamin Cross as a new designee. Dr. Cross currently serves as the Project Leader at the Fish and Aquatic Conservation Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office in Lacey, Washington. His biography is enclosed with this letter.

With the addition of Dr. Cross, our current roster should also include Dr. Kyle Hanson, Mr. Roger Root, Mr. Michael Clark, and Mr. John Netto.

The Service looks forward to continuing our involvement in the PFMC. If you have any questions on these changes, please contact Mr. Michael Clark by phone at (509) 493-2989, or by email at michael_1_clark@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Acting Regional Director

Enclosure

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Dr. Benjamin Cross Biography

Project Leader – Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office

Dr. Benjamin Cross began his current position at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in November 2021 as the Project Leader and Deputy Complex Manager for the Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (WWFWCO) and Puget Sound/Olympic Peninsula Complex (Complex), respectively. The Complex includes Quilcene, Quinault, and Makah National Fish Hatcheries, which annually release over 6 million salmon and steelhead in support of tribal, recreational, and commercial fisheries. The Complex also includes the WWFWCO with a staff of fish and wildlife biologists, hatchery operation specialists, biostatisticians, and support personnel that work on a variety of projects affecting wild and hatchery fish and other aquatic resources in addition to carrying out the marking and tagging of fish released from the three hatcheries.

Dr. Cross initially joined the Service in December 2018, serving as a Supervisory Fish Biologist for the WWFWCO where he led the hatchery monitoring and evaluation program. Prior to working for the Service, he worked for the Colville Confederated Tribes as a Principal Fisheries Biologist, leading their resident fisheries habitat program and hatchery monitoring and evaluation program. Dr. Cross also represents the Service on the Regional Committee on Marking and Tagging with the Pacific States Marine Fish Commission where he coordinates marking and tagging activities related to Pacific salmonid evaluations with other federal, state, and tribal agencies in the U.S. and Canada. Dr. Cross has a BS in Zoology (North Dakota State University), a MS in Natural Resources (University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point), and a PhD in Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences (Washington State University).