



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
West Coast Region  
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Sent 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. As the Council is aware, Mr. Barry Thom left the WCR in March 2022. I would like to notify the Council of my appointment as acting Regional Administrator (RA). The WCR would also like to request two additions to its designees for the RA.

The WCR requests that Ms. Maggie Sommer, of the WCR's Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD) be recognized as a designee on Groundfish fisheries catch share issues. Ms. Sommer is the Groundfish Branch's new catch share lead. Ms. Sommer has previously represented the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife as its Council designee and she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience on groundfish issues.

The WCR also requests that Mr. Josh Lindsay, of the WCR's SFD be recognized as a designee on Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) and Halibut fisheries issues as well as ecosystem issues. Mr. Lindsay is the CPS/Halibut/Ecosystem Branch Chief and has been involved in the Council process for many years.

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

Sincerely,

Scott M. Rumsey, Ph.D.  
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Merrick Burden. Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council

