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To the Pacific Fishery Management Council Chair, Council members, the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Panel and Management Team, and Ryan Wulff, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Kristen Koch, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, and other interested Parties.

NMFS staff member Joshua Lindsay advised the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group, managing the Northwest Collaborative Survey which pairs up the Fishing Vessel *Lisa Marie* with the NOAA research vessel *Reuben Lasker* no longer requires an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) processed through the Council process.

For this reason, the West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group is withdrawing our application to process our requested EFP.

Thank you, Sincerely,

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Secretary, West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group

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