



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
West Coast Region
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May 23, 2023

Sent Via Email

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. In May 2022, NMFS WCR notified the Council that Dr. Scott Rumsey would be the Acting Regional Administrator until a permanent one was selected. The WCR would like to notify the Council of my recent appointment as its Regional Administrator (RA) as of April 23, 2023. I would like to thank Dr. Rumsey for all of his efforts serving as the acting RA over the past year.

I am familiar with the Council's work and have over 27 years of experience working on Pacific Northwest natural resource conservation issues. I look forward to working with the Council on its important efforts to manage commercial, recreational, and tribal fisheries for over 100 species of salmon, groundfish, coastal pelagic species, and highly migratory species in Federal waters. Thank you for our strong partnership. I look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Quan".

Jennifer Quan
Regional Administrator

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

