



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Mr. Brian Hooper
National Marine Fisheries Service
7600 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle WA 98115-6349

Re: Comments on Draft NOAA Fisheries West Coast Geographic Plan 2023–2026

Dear Mr. Hooper:

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the draft NOAA Fisheries West Coast Geographic Plan 2023–2026. It received reports on the draft from the following advisory bodies and directed these reports be provided for your consideration in finalizing the document.

- [Ad Hoc Equity and Environmental Justice Committee](#)
- [Scientific and Statistical Committee](#)
- [Groundfish Management Team](#)
- [Groundfish Advisory Subpanel](#)

We look forward to seeing the final version of the geographic strategic plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Merrick J. Burden", is written over a light blue circular background.

Merrick J. Burden
Executive Director

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Enclosures:

[H.5.b, Supplemental EEJC Report 1](#)
[H.5.b, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)
[H.5.b, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)
[H.5.b, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

Cc: Pacific Council Members
Mr. Jeff Bash
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