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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
West Coast Region
501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200
LONG BEACH, CA 90802

May 8, 2024

Mr. Brad Pettinger, Chair Pacific Fishery Management Council 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101 Portland, OR 97225

Dear Mr. Pettinger:

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. Lyle Enriquez has taken a new position as the WCR's Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD) Permits and Monitoring Branch Chief. Ms. Rachael Wadsworth was recently selected as SFD's new Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Branch Chief.

The WCR requests that Ms. Rachael Wadsworth be recognized as a designee on Highly Migratory Species issues. Ms. Wadsworth has been with the HMS Branch for ten years as a fishery policy analyst. She has extensive experience with domestic regulatory processes and has been a leader for HMS, SFD, and the U.S. Delegation to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) for many years. She has led U.S. efforts in key IATTC working groups and helped successfully adopt numerous international conservation and management measures for HMS species.

The WCR also requests that Mr. Lyle Enriquez be removed as a designee as his new role will be focused on implementing various permits and monitoring issues in the WCR. We would like to thank Mr. Enriquez for his many years of supporting the Council on HMS issues.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Quan

Regional Administrator

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

