



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
West Coast Region
501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200
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Agenda Item D.4
Attachment 1
September 2026

August 18, 2026

Mr. Merrick Burden
Executive Director
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, OR 97225

Dear Mr. Burden:

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. The WCR would like to request one change to its designees for the upcoming September meeting.

Keeley Kent is currently on detail to the Northwest Fisheries Science Center through October. The WCR would like to make Karen Palmigiano our designee in Keeley's stead for the September meeting only. Karen is currently the acting Groundfish Branch Chief in the WCR's Sustainable Fisheries Division. She has 16 years of experience with NOAA Fisheries, including positions in Headquarters, the Alaska Region, and the West Coast Region. Prior to her acting role, Karen was a member of the Groundfish Management Team, where she was involved in key efforts such as the trawl gear exempted fishing permit and harvest specifications process.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Quan
Regional Administrator

