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Agenda Item I.3
Attachment 1
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August 15, 2025

Merrick J. Burden
Executive Director
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Pl. #101
Portland, OR 97220

Dear Mr. Burden,

I am writing to advise the Pacific Fisheries Management Council that due to portfolio shifts in the Office of Marine Conservation resulting from Dave Hogan's retirement, Mr. Colin Brinkman will assume the role as the State Department representative to the Council.

Mr. Hogan had written to the Council in June and identified me as the new State Department representative, but upon further reflection, we have decided Colin is best suited to fulfill this role, as he is our lead officer handling issues related to the West Coast region, the IATTC, and fishing in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. I will continue to serve as the point of contact for issues relating to the Pacific Albacore Treaty.

We look forward to the State Department's close coordination with the PFMC staff, other federal and state representatives, and the stakeholders for U.S. Pacific fisheries. Colin can be reached at BrinkmanCC@state.gov and at (202) 647-2337.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Ryan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rachel Ryan
Senior Pacific Affairs Officer
Office of Marine Conservation

CC: Colin Brinkman



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June 16, 2025

Merrick J. Burden
Executive Director
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Mr. Burden,

I am writing to advise the Pacific Fisheries Management Council that due to my impending retirement from government service this month, I am stepping down as the State Department representative to the Council effective immediately. Rachel Ryan is the Senior Pacific Affairs Officer and Acting Deputy Director for the Office of Marine Conservation and has been designated to assume the role of the State Department representative to the Council. She can be reached at RyanRL@state.gov and at (202) 647-3010.

It has been an honor to serve on the Council and to work with Council staff, other federal and state representatives, and the stakeholders for U.S. Pacific fisheries over the past few decades. The positive working relationships and constructive engagements with and through the Council have greatly aided my and my office's mission to advance the foreign policy of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David F. Hogan", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David F. Hogan
Director
Office of Marine Conservation

CC: Rachel Ryan