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Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair  
And Members of the Pacific Fishery Management Council  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
Portland, OR 97220-1384

Dear Chairman Anderson and Members of the Pacific Fishery Management Council:

**RE: Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning/  
Regulatory Amendment to HMS Permit Regulations**

I write regarding our request that the Council set aside time at a future meeting to consider amending the HMS regulations to extend permit eligibility to American Indians Born in Canada (ABCs).

The Council has heard this request several times over the past year; and in September 2017, agreed to set aside time at the June 2018 meeting to formally consider the issue. It is my understanding that NMFS' findings and recommendations on how such a change in policy might be implemented would be presented to the Council for substantive consideration at that time.

**This issue is currently a shaded item on the June 2018 agenda. This is an important issue. I thank and commend you for setting aside time for this matter on your June 2018 agenda. I understand the June 2018 agenda will be finalized at the April 2018 meeting. As you are making your finalizations and additional issues compete for time, I ask that you keep this matter on the June 2018 agenda.**

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to the June discussion. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information, documentation, or with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Fathali", written over a horizontal line.

Heather Fathali  
Attorney at Law