



Phil Anderson, Chair
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, Oregon 97220

October 5, 2018

RE: GEMPAC resignation

Dear Chair Anderson,
At this time, I wish to resign from the GEMPAC Ad Hoc committee. I have served on the committee since its inception, and have appreciated the opportunity to engage with agency representatives and industry stakeholders around the design and implementation of electronic monitoring (EM) policy for the Groundfish IFQ fishery. I remain interested in seeing EM rulemaking and implementation become a reality, but other duties are calling for my time.

I would like to suggest a qualified alternate, Melissa Mahoney, EDF's Pacific Region Policy Manager. Melissa has worked on Groundfish EM issues for over 5 years, and with EDF for the last 2+ years. She has been participating in GEMPAC meetings as a member of the public, so she is well up to speed on the makeup of the group and its priorities. Melissa was our lead on the California EM EFP during 2016-2017, and continues to work with members of that group, as well as other industry members in the trawl fleet to address EM design challenges leading up to implementation. I believe she would be a knowledgeable and constructive representative for the GEMPAC.

Thank you for the privilege of serving, and I hope you will consider Melissa's nomination to succeed me in the GEMPAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "SJ", written over a light blue circular stamp.

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