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Attention: Dr. Donald McIsaac, Executive Director

and

NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center
2725 Montlake Blvd. East
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Attention; Dr. Elizabeth Clarke, Director, Fisheries Resource Analysis and
Monitoring Division

Re: Trawl Hake Survey

Dear Sirs;

It is our understanding that the next acoustical trawl survey for Pacific Hake is not scheduled until the summer of 2011.

The 2009 acoustical survey experienced difficulty in differentiating hake from squid. As a result, members of the Star Panel decided not to use the results from both the 2009 Canadian and U.S. surveys.

Effectively that means no survey data from 2007 to 2011.

In addition, both science and management have expressed considerable uncertainty about the size, age and composition of hake stocks on the entire coast.

At this time, we strongly urge both countries to implement a Hake trawl survey in 2010.

Pacific Hake Fishery is a major economic generator for both Canada and the United States and the managers require accurate scientific data to make informed decisions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.



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