

June 8, 2012

Mr. Dan Wolford
Chairman, Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Portland, OR 97220

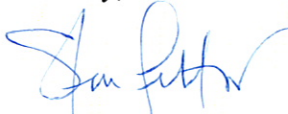
Dear Chairman Wolford,

As Deputy Co-Chairs of the National Ocean Council, we write to request your engagement in working together to improve ocean and coastal health. The National Ocean Policy provides a framework for collaborative, regionally-based marine planning that brings together Federal, State, Tribal, and local authorities, as well as regional fishery management councils (RFMC), to better manage our nation's resources. The Pacific RFMC's assistance in implementing bottom-up regional marine planning in the West Coast region will improve coordination among all coastal and ocean interests, and enhance decision-making that affects the region's economic, environmental, security and social interests.

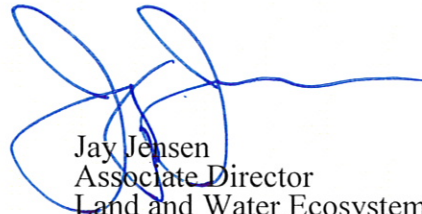
We respectfully invite you identify one of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Federal, State, Tribal or local government voting members to serve on the Regional Planning Body for the West Coast region. We would appreciate receiving the name of your representative by July 9, 2012. Please respond to either NOCRPB@ostp.eop.gov or fax to 202-456-6546 ATTN: National Ocean Council Staff. If you have any inquiries, please contact Mr. Michael Weiss at (202) 456-3892 or mweiss@ceq.eop.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you to realize the National Ocean Policy's vision to ensure that the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes and their communities are healthy and resilient, safe and productive, and understood and treasured.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Co-Chair



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Mr. Deerin Babb-Brott, Director, National Ocean Council Office

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