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Mr. Chris Oliver  
Executive Director  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Chris:

I have recently accepted a new position within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and must unfortunately resign my position on the Council as Alternate for Regional Director Geoffrey L. Haskett. My resignation is effective immediately and I will not be in attendance at the upcoming October meeting in Anchorage.

I sincerely thank you, Chairman Hull and all of the Council members, Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service staff, and Council Committee members for the manner in which you treated me during my tenure on the Council. I always felt totally welcome and in receipt of world-class analytical and administrative support for this job. I strongly applaud the Council for truly addressing many difficult issues of critical importance to Alaska's fisheries, and would especially note the recent action to reduce salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea.

Regional Director Haskett and his staff will be in contact with you in regards to my replacement. Thank you again and I wish you and the Council all the best.

Sincerely,

Doug McBride

cc: Geoff Haskett

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