



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Ms. Lauren O'Brien
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Via email: lobrien@gmri.org

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

On behalf of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, I would like to express our support for the proposed development of a Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) in the North Pacific. I enjoyed meeting with you at the recent North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting in Sitka, Alaska, and learning more details about the program. We understand that the program is intended to be led by the interests of fishermen in our region, and that the particular focus and style of any North Pacific program would be driven by those interests. The Council sees great value in the educational opportunities provided through MREP in other regions, with respect to both science and management perspectives, and we look forward to having MREP workshops held in the North Pacific region. As we discussed, we would be happy to participate in a Steering Group if the program continues to gain momentum, and for our staff to be available as speakers or participants in the meetings as needed.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

David Witherell
Executive Director