



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Ms. Janet Coit
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Via email: janet.coit@noaa.gov

Dear Ms. Coit,

On behalf of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, I would like to thank you for attending the recent North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting in Sitka, Alaska. We greatly appreciate your enthusiasm for and interest in getting to know our Alaska fisheries issues, and that you made time to meet with so many of the leaders and stakeholders who are essential to our Council process.

We especially appreciated your words in support of the importance of science and of the core fisheries surveys and ecosystem surveys that form the fundamental basis of fisheries management in the North Pacific, even more so as we experience the impacts of climate change. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on the important issue of ensuring the resiliency of our fisheries management, and the support you can provide in how to both understand changes that we are witnessing in the marine environment and how to use that information in the management context. We intend to continue our efforts to consider diverse perspectives as we engage in these discussions, particularly as we develop protocols for including local knowledge, traditional knowledge, and subsistence information as part of fishery management decision-making.

We look forward to working with you, and extend a warm welcome for you at future meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. In this vein, we understand that you are planning to return to Alaska later this summer in conjunction with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission meeting, and that you hope to visit some of the Alaska fishing ports. We look forward to your return visit, and are ready to assist in any way to make your trip productive. Let us know if you need assistance with logistics or answering questions, it can be a challenge in reaching our remote ports although the results are always worthwhile. I encourage my fellow Council members to reach out to you with suggestions for what to see and who to meet.

Sincerely,

Simon Kinneen
Council Chair

cc: Mr. Jon Kurland
Dr. Robert Foy