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Dear John:

Following the Optimum Yield Workshop an approach was developed for determining OY, based on the report of the workshop. It was in two parts:

2. A twelve-step procedure for developing optimum yield for a fishery, which is sufficiently general to be applicable to a wide variety of fisheries and offering a consistency in approach helpful in review and public understanding of the plans.

2. A set of criteria which should be addressed at a minimum to provide a basis for selecting among alternative strategies, recognizing that in some cases it would be concluded that insufficient information exists to develop valid comparisons.

A draft of this document has been reviewed by Dr. James Crutchfield of the Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council and by Mr. Hal Lyman, formerly Chairman of the New England Fishery Management Council and Co-Chairman of the Optimum Yield Workshop. They have agreed that the document should now be sent to the Councils for review and comments.

I would be grateful, therefore, if you would give me the views of your Council as to the usefulness of this procedure as a means of providing a set of guidelines for determining OY. If your Council has suggestions for strengthening this document, I would be pleased to receive them.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dave

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Enclosure

cc: Executive Director

