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The Honorable Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez
Office of the Secretary, Room 5516
United States Department of Commerce
14th and Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Gutierrez:

As Director of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), and under Section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, I represent the state of Washington on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. The Department has marine fishery management responsibilities and expertise for Washington and a nine member Fish and Wildlife Commission, appointed by the Governor, supervises the activities of the Department.

With this letter, I am notifying the Secretary of changes in the position of my designee. Mr. Dennis Austin, who has served admirably in the position, has recently retired and will no longer be representing Washington State on the North Pacific Council. I am replacing him with two designees: Mr. William Tweit and Mr. Philip Anderson. The specific contact information for these two individuals is enclosed with this letter.

Mr. Tweit will be my primary designee. He is a Senior Policy Advisor to my office, with an extensive background in intergovernmental affairs, fishery management, and resource stewardship. Mr. Anderson is a Special Assistant to my office and is responsible for Intergovernmental Resource Management affairs. Mr. Anderson is currently serving as Washington's representative to the Pacific Fishery Management Council and will continue in that position as well. He has particular experience with the Magnuson-Stevens Act from the national, as well as regional, perspective.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning this issue, please contact me at 360.902.2225.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosure

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