

PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP SHEET

Agenda Item: B Reports

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF:
1	Thanda Hubbard	F.C.A.
2	Larry Cotter	SSLMC
3	Todd Loomis	Ocean Peace, Inc.
4	dave Prusar	ACDC
5	John Gavin	AKSL
6	Chad See	FLC
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Chris Oliver
Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Mr. Oliver:

Tom Pearson is resigning as the Alaska Region's representative on the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Plan Team. Tom contributed inseason fishery management expertise to the Plan Team's discussions and deliberations. Obren Davis has been working for the Alaska Region since 1994 in the Restricted Access Management program, Sustainable Fisheries Regulatory branch, and Inseason management branch. We would like to nominate Obren to fill Tom's position on the GOA Groundfish Plan Team.

Obren has worked with the Inseason Management Branch since 2008 and during that time has increased knowledge in the monitoring and management of the Alaska groundfish fisheries in a manner that avoids exceeding specified groundfish and prohibited species catch quotas. He has expert knowledge of the catch data used to manage the Alaska groundfish fisheries and how that information is used to manage the fisheries and associated management programs developed by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. Obren also develops the annual harvest specifications for groundfish of the GOA and has attended many of the groundfish Plan Team meetings in that capacity. We believe he would be an excellent addition to the GOA Plan Team and hope that our nomination of Obren to replace Tom Pearson on the Plan will be endorsed by the Council.

Sincerely,

James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.
Administrator, Alaska Region

