



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Mr. Chris Oliver  
Executive Director  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Chris:

We recommend that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council replace Dr. Jason Gasper with Gretchen Harrington on the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Plan Team. Dr. Gasper, in his new role on the Scientific and Statistical Committee, will not be available to continue in his current role on the Crab Plan Team. Ms. Harrington has relevant expertise in crab management, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and Federal rule making from the Alaska Region perspective. Additionally Ms. Harrington served on the Crab Plan Team from 1998 to 2012. I have attached Ms. Harrington's resume for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

For

Enclosure



## **Resume of Relevant Experience for Gretchen Harrington**

### **National Marine Fisheries Service**

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Coordinator, Alaska Region  
January 2012 – Present**

- Guide colleagues to ensure the Alaska Region's NEPA analyses meet legal and process requirements and provide the necessary information and analysis
- Integrate NEPA with other applicable law, such as the Endangered Species Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Act.
- Work closely with NOAA General Counsel to resolve issues with NEPA analyses.
- Conduct NEPA training for staff to make them more effective NEPA practitioners.
- Lead special projects such as litigation response, Federal salmon management, and fishery resource disaster determinations under Section 312 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

**Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region  
November 2003 – January 2012**

- Coordinator for three fishery management plans: Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs, Scallop Fisheries Off Alaska, and Salmon Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone
- Member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Crab Plan Team and Scallop Plan Team.
- Coordinate with the State of Alaska on management issues associated with these FMPs.
- Lead teams to develop complex regulatory and amendment packages.
- Write and review fisheries regulations, Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Statements, Categorical Exclusions, Fishery Resource Disaster determinations, Biological Assessments, Regulatory Impact Reviews, and Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analyses.
- Work to ensure fishery management plans are in compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, NEPA, Endangered Species Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, and other applicable law.

**Fishery Regulation Specialist, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region  
July 1998 – October 2003**

- Member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Crab Plan Team and Scallop Plan Team.
- Write and review fisheries regulations, Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Statements, Categorical Exclusions, Fishery Resource Disaster determinations, Biological Assessments, Regulatory Impact Reviews, and Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analyses.
- Work to ensure fishery management plans are in compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, NEPA, Endangered Species Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, and other applicable law.
- Make oral and written presentations to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and related organizations.

### **Education**

**Masters of Marine Affairs, University of Washington – 1997  
Bachelor's of Science – Rutgers University – 1993**

**List of publications, presentations, and awards is available on request.**