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Mr. Clement Tillion Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Management Council 333 West Fourth Avenue Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Clem,

I am sorry that I am not with you and the other Council Chairmen and Executive Directors and regret that I will not be working with you in the future in my position as Assistant Administrator for Fisheries. I have found the past 3 1/2 years to be extraordinarily challenging, exciting, frustrating, and stimulating. I hope that all of you will continue your strong efforts to make the system work in order to manage our fisheries wisely and encourage growth of the American industry. As I said during the Chicago meeting, I believe that the basic concept of the Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act is sound and has stood the test of the first five years of implementation. The changes needed are ones which will make the system work more efficiently and ensure timely implementation and decisions. But the basic process is good and deserves a continuing commitment from the Fisheries Service and from the Councils.

I will be joining the Washington office of the Seattle law firm of Bogle and Gates on June 29 and hope to develop a practice of law oriented toward fisheries and other ocean activities. I have spent most of my professional life in the oceans field which I believe is the most exciting area of natural resource policy and law and will continue to be so for the next two decades. I will continue to value the many friendships that I have made in the fisheries community and will continue to respect all of you for your dedication, your desire to find the right answers, and your good humor. All the best.

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Sincerely

Terry L. Leitzell Assistant Administrator

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