



Mr. Chris Oliver  
Executive Director  
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
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Anchorage, AK, 99501

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Dear Mr. Oliver,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Scallop Plan Team for the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. I believe that I have the knowledge and skills to help the Scallop Plan Team use the best available scientific information to make recommendations regarding appropriate measures for the conservation and management of the scallop fishery.

I completed my Master's degree in 2014 under the direction of Dr. Brad Harris at Alaska Pacific University and I currently manage his research lab. Dr. Harris is a member of the Scientific and Statistical Committee and a former member of the Scallop Plan Team. He is also a US Delegate to the Working Group on Scallop Assessment for the International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES). Throughout my time working with Dr. Harris, I have become well versed in scallop assessment and management in Alaska, New England and in the ICES countries. I am now the lead researcher on two scallop projects: 1) the CamSled Scallop and Benthic Habitat Image Analysis is in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak and 2) the Analysis of Shell Boring Polychaete Worms is in cooperation with ADFG in Homer.

As the Program Manager of the Fisheries, Aquatic Science and Technology Lab at APU, I have the time, support and knowledge necessary to serve as a contributing member of the Scallop Plan Team for the NPFMC. If you have questions or concerns about my experience, please feel free to contact me or Dr. Harris directly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Webster". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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**EDUCATION**

M.Sc. *Environmental Science*. Alaska Pacific University. 2014  
Credit *Professional Residency in Environmental Education*, Teton Science Schools. 2007  
B.A. Major: *Biology*; Minors: *Anthropology, Environmental Studies*. Colby College. 2005  
Credit *Madagascar: Ecology and Conservation*. School for International Training. 2003

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

2012 – Present *Program Manager, Fisheries, Aquatic Science & Technology Laboratory*,  
Alaska Pacific University  
2007 – 8, 2010 *Environmental Educator*, Teton Science Schools, Jackson, WY  
2009 *Research Coordinator*, Programa Restauracion de Totugas Marina, Caletas,  
Costa Rica  
2008 – 2009 *Environmental Educator*, Chewonki Foundation, Wiscasset, ME  
2007 *Programme Assistant, Forestry Sector*, The World Conservation Union (IUCN),  
Hanoi, Vietnam  
2006 *Teacher/Naturalist*, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln, MA  
2005 *Science Teacher*, Waramadong Secondary School, Region 7, Guyana

**PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

2015 Kachemak Bay Science Conference  
2014, 2015 Alaska Marine Science Symposium  
2014 International Flatfish Symposium

**RELATED VOLUNTEER AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

2014 – Present Review of Alaska CamSled benthic image data for weathervane scallop and  
benthic habitat research  
2013 – Present Image processing of weathervane scallops to determine rates of prevalence  
and intensity of shell boring worms  
2014 Research to assess the impacts of raised groundgear aboard F/V Great Pacific  
for NPRB #1319 in Bering Sea  
2012 – Present Razor Clam Abundance Survey, Ninilchik and Deep Creek Beaches, AK  
2013 Halibut otolith aging training, International Pacific Halibut Commission,  
Seattle, WA  
2011 – 12 Groundfish port sampling, Homer, AK

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

**Webster, S.R.**, Harris, B. Welker, J. and Wolf, N. Size-at-Age and diet composition of Pacific Halibut  
(*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) in Cook Inlet, Alaska. In preparation for Marine Ecology Progress Series.

Grenier, C., **Webster, S.R.**, Harris, B.P., and Hershberger, P. *Ichthyophonus hoferi* prevalence and  
load in Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) organs within the Cook Inlet, Alaska. In Preparation  
for Journal of Aquatic Animal Health.