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May 25, 2021 Mr. Simon Kinneen, Chair North Pacific Fishery Management Council 1007 West Third, Suite 400 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Chairman Kinneen,

I would like to nominate Mr. Andrew Olson for appointment to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan Team. Currently he serves as the Southeast Regional Groundfish-Shellfish Coordinator for ADF&G and he was formerly the Southeast Groundfish Project Leader. Mr. Olson is responsible for supervising all groundfish research in the Southeast Region and he has served as the principal investigator on Demersal Shelf Rockfish and Southeast sablefish stock assessment surveys. During his career Mr. Olson has participated in several Gulf of Alaska Plan Team meetings and he has a strong understanding of the federal stock assessment process and the unique overlap between state and federal management for important groundfish species. In addition, Mr. Olson serves on the Scallop Plan Team and the Leadership Plan Team for the ADF&G Statewide Rockfish Initiative.

Considering his considerable experience in fisheries research and management, I believe that Mr. Olson will be a valuable addition to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan Team. His CV has been attached for reference. Thank you for considering his appointment at the June 2021 Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vincent-Lang

Commissioner