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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Lang".

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

ANDREW PHILLIP OLSON

Fisheries Management & Research Biologist

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EDUCATION

Master of Science (Fisheries)

University of Alaska Fairbanks

📅 2012–2016 📍 Fairbanks, Alaska

- Thesis: Spatial Variability in Size at Maturity and Reproductive Timing of Golden King Crab (*Lithodes aequispinus*) in Southeast Alaska

Bachelor of Science (Marine Biology)

University of Alaska Southeast

📅 2005–2008 📍 Juneau, Alaska

Cascadia Community College

📅 2003–2005 📍 Bothell, Washington

STRENGTHS

- Hard-Working
- Leader & Motivator
- Exceptional Communicator
- Self-Starter
- Independent Worker
- Inclusive Manager
- Tech Savvy

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- R statistical software ●●●●●○
- ArcGIS, ArcPad ●●●●●○
- Microsoft Office ●●●●●●
- Google Docs, Slides, Sheets ●●●●●●
- Latex typesetting software ●●●●●○
- Adobe InDesign ●●●●●○

EXPERIENCE

Groundfish-Shellfish Coordinator

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 April 2019 – Present 📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Supervises regional research and management programs for groundfish and shellfish consisting of 13 staff across multiple ports
- Oversight of project budgets and proposals ensuring funding matches expenditure needs
- Analyzes and reviews data for research and stock assessment surveys to inform fishery management decisions
- Fishery regulatory and management history expert
- Leadership Plan Team member for the ADF&G Statewide Rockfish Initiative
- Communicates and collaborates with fishery scientists, stakeholders, and the general public on issues relating to fishery regulations, harvest objectives, and stock assessment methodologies
- Regional editor for stock assessment analyses, operational plans, and management reports for groundfish and shellfish fisheries
- Scallop Plan Team member for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Oversight and participation in preparing and commenting on regulatory proposals for the Alaska Board of Fisheries
- Developed and implemented a college internship to provide a range of experiences in research and management for multiple commercial fisheries

Groundfish Project Leader

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 March 2016 – April 2019 📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Supervised and led a team of seven staff across 3 ports with an annual budget of \$1.3 million
- Served as principal investigator on stock assessment surveys (yelloweye rockfish ROV, sablefish longline and marking survey) and supervising biologists in the field
- Analyzed data, made harvest decisions, authored scientific reports, and presented research at professional and fishing industry meetings
- Collaborated with the public on developing policy decisions
- Recommended and presented policy alternatives to the Alaska Board of Fisheries
- Served on US-Canada Technical Sub-Committee Team and ADF&G Statewide Rockfish Initiative
- Collaborated with university, federal, and international scientists on current fisheries issues
- Developed and conducted public outreach through local schools, newsletters, and social media on groundfish research
- Initiated and administrated for ADF&G Twitter (@adfg_seak) providing regional updates on fisheries research and management

Shellfish Research & Management Biologist II

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 Sept. 2011 – March 2016

📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Project lead for golden king crab observer program
- Co-led for red king and Tanner crab stock assessment surveys
- Assisted in managing of the king (golden, red, & blue), Tanner, and Dungeness crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska
- Analyzed and reviewed stock assessment data and collaborated with other biologists to make fishery management decisions
- Developed mobile survey application in ArcPad for in-season management of SE Alaska crab species
- Participated in the Board of Fisheries regulatory process by reviewing and commenting on public proposals to regulations
- Presented research at professional conferences and public meetings
- Authored and edited fisheries reports

Shellfish Research Biologist I

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 June 2009 – Sept. 2011

📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Led the golden king crab observer program
- Assistant biologist for the red king crab stock assessment survey
- Organized logistics and prepared gear for field work
- Supervised biologists in the field
- Participated in field work for multiple species (golden and red king crab, Tanner crab, and spot shrimp)

Fish and Wildlife Technician II

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 Oct. 2008 – May 2009

📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Analyzed Tanner and snow crab reproductive potential through the analysis of shell condition, egg viability, and sperm cell counts
- Assisted in collections of crabs from pots using a small vessel
- Collected blood samples from crabs for further analysis of bitter crab disease

PUBLICATIONS

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