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Mr. Dan Hull, Chair, North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
Mr. Farron Wallace, Chair, NPFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee
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Dear Mr. Hull and Mr. Wallace,

The Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge fully supports and endorses the appointment of Heather Renner to the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. We are excited about this opportunity to work with the Council and partners in support of science-based and ecosystem-based management of our Alaskan marine resources. Ms. Renner already works with the Council as a member of the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan team, and we believe she is well qualified for the task.

Sincerely,

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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

M.Sc., Wildlife Ecology, Cornell University, January 2000

Thesis topic: Population ecology and nesting biology of Yellow Wagtails

B.A., Biology, Colorado College, December 1994

Relevant Work Experience

March 2000 – current: Wildlife Biologist, USFWS, Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

Current: Supervisory Wildlife Biologist (GS-13)

2008-2011: Bering Sea Unit Biologist (GS-12)

2004-2008: Alaska Peninsula Unit Biologist (GS-11)

2000-2004: Wildlife Biologist (GS-9)

Since 2011, I have served as the supervisory wildlife biologist for the Alaska Maritime NWR. This involves leading a large biological program on one of the most prestigious refuges, supervising 9 permanent biologists, and managing a \$650K budget. I also provide technical input and briefings to regional and local management. Major projects include implementing the refuge's long-term biological inventory and monitoring program on nine annual and dozens of periodic sites, supporting a marine research program with dozens of partners, and restoration projects involving introduced species eradication.

January 1998-December 1999: Teaching assistant, Cornell University.

May-October 1997: Biological Science Technician, USFWS, Yukon Delta NWR

April-May 1997: Field Events Coordinator, Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival, Homer, AK. **February 1995-January 1997:** Wildlife Biologist, USFWS, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge.

May-September 1994: Biologist Trainee, USFWS, Togiak NWR, based at Cape Peirce.

May-August 1993: Biological Science Technician, USFWS, Kenai Fishery Resource Office.

May-August 1992: Biological Science Technician, USFWS, Fisheries Management Services.

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Recent Publications

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