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Simon Kinneen, Chair
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
1007 W. 3rd Avenue
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Dear Mr. Kinneen,

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Dr. Robert Foy as a member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) - Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) to replace Dr. Anne Hollowed, who retires from the SSC at the end of 2021. Previously, he served on the NPFMC Groundfish Gulf of Alaska Plan Team (2003-2010) and the Crab Plan Team (Member 2007-2011; Chair 2011-2018).

Dr. Foy has been the Director of Science and Research in the Alaska Region for NOAA Fisheries since 2018. In this capacity he oversees the Alaska Fisheries Science Center mission to support stewardship of living marine resources and their habitats in the nearly 1.5 million square miles of coastal oceans around Alaska. He joined NOAA Fisheries in 2007 as the Director of the Center's Kodiak Laboratory and Program Manager for the Shellfish Assessment Program. For 11 years, he led the program responsible for assessment, biological research, and ecological research of commercial crab species in Alaska. Dr. Foy earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Michigan, a Master in Science in Fisheries and Ph.D. in Oceanography from the University of Alaska. He has spent over 25 years conducting Alaskan marine biological and ecological research and 12 years working on Alaskan stock assessment and fisheries management. He has participated in and led numerous cooperative research projects with agencies, coastal communities, and commercial industries.

Dr. Foy's experience with fisheries oceanography, physiological and ecological response of marine species to environmental forcing in the Subarctic and Arctic, and stock assessment for data limited stocks will be valuable as the SSC continues to address climate-forcing effects on commercial fish populations. In particular, his experience with trophic ecology of marine mammals, fishes, and invertebrates will be an asset supporting the NPFMC leadership in Ecosystem Based Fishery Management.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Rusin
Deputy Director, Alaska Fisheries Science Center

