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Ambassador Rozanne L. Ridgway Asst. Secretary for Oceans & Fisheries Affairs Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ambassador Ridgway:

The members of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council have asked me to express their thanks and appreciation for the work you have done in the fisheries field for the past 18 months. Your total involvement in negotiations in this complicated field during what may very well prove to be the most important period in U.S. history of the management of living marine resources, and your accomplishments at these delicate and controversial negotiations, are appreciated and applauded by all of the Council members.

The Council looks forward to your continuing success in your new assignment as Ambassador to Finland, though the sense of loss at losing such a capable and experienced negotiator in the fisheries field is profound. They will, of course, support your successor. The positive relationship you have developed with this Council and all of the people in the fisheries world is critically important as the Council moves forward to fulfill its mandate under the law.

Sincerely,

Jim H. Branson Executive Director

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