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Simon Kinneen, Chairman North Pacific Fishery Management Council 605 West 4th Street, Suite 306 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Mr. Kinneen:

The National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska Region is nominating Ms. Gretchen Harrington to take over from Mr. Jon Kurland as our representative on the Council's Ecosystem Committee. Earlier this year Ms. Harrington was selected as our Assistant Regional Administrator for Habitat Conservation, and that position's portfolio has typically included the Ecosystem Committee's work. Ms. Harrington can be reached at 907-586-7824 or <u>gretchen.harrington@noaa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

James W. Balsiger, Ph.D. Administrator, Alaska Region

