



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Mr. Simon Kinneen
Chairman
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Mr. Kinneen:

As you know, on June 21, the United States District Court for the District of Alaska vacated the rule implementing Amendment 14 to the Salmon FMP. NMFS and NOAA General Counsel plan to provide an update on the status of the *UCIDA* and *Humbyrd* litigation during the B reports at the upcoming October Council meeting. Internally, we are already working on this issue and I plan to make a motion for staff to bring back an analysis before the Council in December.

Sincerely,
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