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Phil Anderson, Chairman
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
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Re: Agenda Item I.4, Memberships and Appointments (HMSAS)

Dear Chairman Anderson:

On behalf of the West Coast Seafood Processors Association (WCSPA), I am writing to support the appointment of Jonathan Gonzalez to the processor seat (north of Cape Mendocino) on the Pacific Council's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS). WCSPA represents shore-based seafood processors and associated businesses in Washington, Oregon, and California. Jonathan currently works for Pacific Seafood, one of WCSPA's primary members and founding companies. WCSPA members understand the importance of remaining actively engaged in the Council process and appreciate the opportunity for Jonathan to represent our interests on the HMSAS.

Jonathan is very familiar with the Council process and has been attending and participating in PFMC meetings since 2014. During this time, Jonathan has served as an alternate on the HMSAS three times. He has in-depth knowledge of HMS issues addressed by the Council. On the water, Jonathan has been a deck hand on trawl vessels targeting ridgeback shrimp and sea cucumbers. He also served voluntarily as the Assistant Director of the Santa Barbara Marine Mammal Center from 2007-2012 and as a co-founder of Community Seafood, Santa Barbara's first Community Supported Fishery. Jonathan is the currently President of the Ventura County Commercial Fishermen's Association, which has been awarded three fisheries improvement grants to support HMS fisheries.

Jonathan's knowledge of the Council process and HMS fisheries issues, previous experience working with the HMSAS, and current employment with a major processing company involved in HMS fisheries make him an ideal candidate for the HMSAS. He has a unique and important perspective, he's dedicated to the industry, and he's committed to the Council process. For these reasons, Jonathan would make an excellent addition to the HMSAS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori L. Steele".

Lori Steele
Executive Director