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Subject: Request for Inseparable or Practically Inseparable (IPI) catches to carry the MSC ecolabel

Dear Steve,

I write with reference to your submission on 13 May 2011 (letter to Dan Hoggarth) of a request for MSC approval of a proposal for Inseparable or Practically Inseparable (IPI) catches in the US Pacific hake fishery to be eligible to enter certified chains of custody and eventually carry the MSC ecolabel. I note that the request was made under the provisions of TAB Directive D-030, which came into force on 6 September 2010 for this and other fisheries.

MSC notes the factors presented in your letter supporting your request as well as the rationale put forward and hereby confirms its approval for the Practically Inseparable (PI) catches to be covered by the provisions of TAB Directive D-030. The exemption from paragraphs 6-14 of TAB Directive D-030 is also accepted, given the evidence provided that the proposed PI catches are less than 2% of the total catches in the fishery and that each species is either not being subject to overfishing or is taken in very limited quantities.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maylynn Nunn".

Maylynn Nunn

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