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John Laird
Secretary for Natural Resources
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council
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1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
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Re: Support for Inter-Agency Agreement for Development of the Marine Landings Database System

Dear Secretary Laird:

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) supports the authorization of funding by the Ocean Protection Council (Council) for an inter-agency agreement to support the development of the Marine Landings Database System (MLDS).

The Department has prioritized the implementation of electronic reporting for commercial fisheries to move from manual entry of over 65,000 paper landing receipts annually to an efficient electronic system. The Department is collaborating with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) to utilize the E-Tickets electronic reporting system (E-Tix) that was developed for federally managed west coast fisheries in Oregon, Washington and California.

The Department has initiated Phase I of the MLDS project to build the interfaces with PSMFC's E-Tix and design the MLDS structure and reporting tools. Phase I is expected to be completed in January 2016.

OPC's financial support of Phase II will allow the Department to obtain contractual assistance to fully develop the editing functionality in MLDS, include landing tax data and other individual landing receipts not available in the existing E-Tix platform. Leveraging OPC support with significant Department contributions will keep this high priority project moving forward at a pace we could not otherwise attain.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Craig Shuman, Marine Regional Manager, at (805) 568-1246 or Craig.Shuman@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director