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Mr. Edwin Ebusui, Chair
Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
1164 Bishop St., 1400
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Ebusui:

By this letter, I am approving Amendment 4 to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaiian Archipelago (RIN 0648-XD907). Amendment 4 revises essential fish habitat and habitat areas of particular concern for 14 species of bottomfish and three species of seamount groundfish in the Hawaiian Archipelago.

NMFS appreciates the Council's ongoing efforts to identify and protect important habitats of federally-managed fish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Tosatto".

Michael D. Tosatto
Regional Administrator

cc: Kitty Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council

