



**Western  
Pacific  
Regional  
Fishery  
Management  
Council**

May 31, 2016

Mr. Michael D. Tosatto  
Pacific Islands Regional Office  
NOAA Inouye Regional Center  
1845 Wasp Boulevard, Building 176  
Honolulu, HI 96818

Dear Mike:

Through this letter, the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Council) requests the opportunity to review the draft Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Hawaii deep-set longline fishery to be prepared under the consultation initiated on April 13, 2016. This request is being made in accordance with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Policy Directive 01-117 regarding the integration of Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 with Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Processes and the Council and Pacific Islands Regional Office's ESA-MSA Integration Agreement.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact Asuka Ishizaki ([asuka.ishizaki@noaa.gov](mailto:asuka.ishizaki@noaa.gov)) if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Kitty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a trailing "y".

Kitty M. Simonds  
Executive Director