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Talofa Chair,

I am recommending changes in the American Samoa representation in the Council Plan Team membership. Currently, Mr. Domingo Ochavillo is in the Archipelagic Plan Team and Mr. Sean Felise is in the Pelagic Plan Team. With staff turn-over, I am recommending Mr. Fernan Asalele, our new Boat-Based Creel Supervisor, to be in the Archipelagic Plan Team. Mr. Asalele has smoothly transitioned to a supervisor position and has done an excellent job in organizing creel survey reports for grant managers. I am also recommending Mr. Ochavillo officially to the Pelagic Plan Team where he has been attending and drafting the annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Ilaoa'.

Nathan Ilaoa
Director
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