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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ms. Kitty M. Simonds
Executive Director
Western Pacific Fishery Management Council

FROM: Dr. T. Todd Jones
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REFERENCE: Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee – Technical
Committee (FDCRC-TC) Membership Changes from PIFSC

PIFSC-FRMD continually provides opportunities for staff to increase engagement in the Council process. The FDCRC-TC process is a great opportunity that allows FRMD to support the improvements to the fisheries data collection in the Pacific Island Region. PIFSC funds a portion of the data collection and data warehousing in Hawaii and all the island jurisdictions. PIFSC also uses the data generated by these data collection systems.

We would like to request for a Council family change in the FDCRC-TC. We request the Council considers Dr. Felipe Carvalho and Mr. Marlowe Sabater to replace Dr. Hongguang Ma and Dr. Eva Schemmel in the Data Collection Subpanel. Felipe is the Chief for the Assessment and Research Branch that utilizes the data for stock assessment and can provide technical advice on how to collect the data needed for assessments. Marlowe is the Chief for the Island Fisheries Coordination Branch and works with the state and jurisdictional agencies on the implementation and monitoring of the data collection systems. We also request the removal of the Dr. Jon Brodziak from the Research Subpanel.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Attachment: (1) Resume Felipe Carvalho
(2) Resume Marlowe Sabater