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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
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Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
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Subject: Review of the Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 16-3; Corrections
(ER 04/724)(Agency wait period ends: October 28, 2004)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has published a final rule that would implement Amendment 16-3 to the Pacific Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) in the *Federal Register* dated **September 28, 2004**. You may access the rule for availability on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html. Copies of Amendment 16-3 and the final environmental impact statement/regulatory impact reviews/ initial regulatory flexibility analysis (FEIS/RIR/IRFA) are available and can be obtained from the Pacific Fishery Management Council's website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>

Please review the final rule from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments to this Office by **October 21, 2004**.

This Office will prepare the Department's comments by **October 28, 2004**.

Please supply all signed paper comments, comments on disk, or comments being submitted electronically to this Office.

/s/ 9/30/04
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