



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
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September 23, 2026

Ms. Diana Evans, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
605 West 4th Avenue, Suite 306
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Ms. Evans:

We recommend that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council replace Steven Whitney with Andrew Olson on the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Groundfish Plan Team. Mr. Olson has relevant expertise in the groundfish fisheries, inseason management, and is the lead author on the BSAI harvest specifications. Additionally, he was a member of the Groundfish Plan Team from 2021 to 2023 while a Fisheries Biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I have attached Mr. Olson's resume for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Kurland".

Jonathan M. Kurland
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Andrew Olson resume



ANDREW PHILLIP OLSON

Fisheries Management & Research Biologist

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EDUCATION

Master of Science (Fisheries)

University of Alaska Fairbanks

📅 2012–2016 📍 Fairbanks, Alaska

- Thesis: Spatial Variability in Size at Maturity and Reproductive Timing of Golden King Crab (*Lithodes aequispinus*) in Southeast Alaska

Bachelor of Science (Marine Biology)

University of Alaska Southeast

📅 2005–2008 📍 Juneau, Alaska

Cascadia Community College

📅 2003–2005 📍 Bothell, Washington

STRENGTHS

Hard-Working Leader & Motivator

Exceptional Communicator

Self-Starter Independent Worker

Tech Savvy Strong Negotiator

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R statistical software	●●●●●●
R Markdown/Quarto	●●●●●●
LaTeX typesetting software	●●●●●●
SQL programming language	●●●●●●

EXPERIENCE

Fishery Management Specialist ZP-3

NOAA Fisheries

📅 August 2023 – Present 📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Member of the Inseason Management Branch conducting inseason management for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands fisheries.
- Conducts comprehensive policy and regulatory research to inform the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.
- Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Plan Team Member for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.
- Collaborates with government agencies, fishing industry, and the general public to develop and implement policies promoting responsible fisheries management in accordance with national policies.
- Participates in and presents policy research and analyses at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings.
- Analyzes and authors policy and regulatory rule making packages as recommended by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Groundfish-Shellfish Management & Research Coordinator

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 April 2019 – August 2023 📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Supervised regional management and research programs for groundfish and shellfish fisheries consisting of 12 staff across multiple ports.
- Oversight of project budgets and proposals ensuring funding matches expenditure needs.
- Analyzed and reviewed data for research and stock assessment surveys to inform fishery management decisions.
- Fishery regulatory and management history expert.
- Leadership Plan Team member for the ADF&G Statewide Rockfish Initiative.
- Communicated and collaborated with fishery scientists, stakeholders, and the general public on issues relating to fishery regulations, harvest objectives, and stock assessment methodologies.
- Regional editor for stock assessment analyses, operational plans, and management reports for groundfish and shellfish fisheries.
- Groundfish and Scallop Plan Team member for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.
- Oversight and participation in preparing and commenting on regulatory proposals for the Alaska Board of Fisheries.
- Collaborated with stakeholders in developing harvest strategies and management tools for Southeast Alaska king crab fisheries.

Groundfish Project Leader

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 March 2016 – April 2019 📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Supervised and led a team of seven staff across multiple ports with an annual budget of \$1.3 million.
- Served as principal investigator on stock assessment surveys (yelloweye rockfish ROV, sablefish longline and marking survey) and supervising biologists in the field.
- Analyzed fishery dependent and independent data, authored scientific reports, and presented research at professional and fishing industry meetings.

- Recommended and managed in-season harvest quotas for groundfish fisheries.
- Collaborated with the public on developing policy decisions.
- Recommended and presented policy alternatives to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.
- Served on US-Canada Technical Sub-Committee Team and ADF&G Statewide Rockfish Initiative.
- Collaborated with university, federal, and international scientists on current fisheries issues.
- Developed and conducted public outreach through local schools, newsletters, and social media on groundfish research.

Shellfish Management & Research Biologist II

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 Sept. 2011 – March 2016

📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Project lead for golden king crab observer program.
- Co-lead for red king and Tanner crab stock assessment surveys.
- Assisted in managing of the king (golden, red, & blue), Tanner, and Dungeness crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska.
- Analyzed and reviewed stock assessment data and collaborated with other biologists to make fishery management decisions.
- Developed mobile survey application in ArcPad for in-season management of SE Alaska crab species.
- Participated in the Alaska Board of Fisheries regulatory process by reviewing and commenting on public proposals to regulations.
- Presented research at professional conferences and public meetings.
- Authored and edited fisheries reports.

Shellfish Research Biologist I

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 June 2009 – Sept. 2011

📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Project lead for the golden king crab observer program.
- Assistant biologist for the red king crab stock assessment survey.
- Organized logistics and prepared gear for field work.
- Supervised biologists in the field.
- Participated in field work for multiple species (golden and red king crab, Tanner crab, and spot shrimp).

Fish and Wildlife Technician II

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

📅 Jan. 2009 – May 2009

📍 Juneau, Alaska

- Analyzed Tanner and snow crab reproductive potential through the analysis of shell condition, egg viability, and sperm cell counts.
- Assisted in collections of crabs from pots using a small vessel.
- Collected blood samples from crabs for further analysis of bitter crab disease.

PUBLICATIONS

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10. Messmer, A., G. Bishop, J. Bednarski, Siddon, C., and **A. Olson**. 2010. 2010. Southeast Alaska golden king crab onboard observer program methods. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Regional Information Report 1J10-17, Douglas.
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