



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
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January 27, 2023

Mr. David Witherell, Executive Director  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
1007 West Third, Suite 400  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Witherell:

We have approved Amendment 124 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI FMP) and Amendment 112 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA FMP) to revise individual fishing quota (IFQ) Program regulations. The FMP Amendments authorize the use of jig gear in the sablefish IFQ and community development quota (CDQ) programs and remove the residency requirements for Community Quota Entity (CQE).

A final rule to implement these amendments should publish in the *Federal Register* shortly.

Sincerely,

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

Jonathan M. Kurland  
Regional Administrator

