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Agenda Item: DS IFQ Access Opportunities

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Simon Kinneen, Chair
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Re: Agenda item D-5 IFQ Global Access

Dear Simon Kinneen, Chair:

Please consider this letter in support of the Council to move forward with identifying potential mechanism to improve access for rural communities, new entrants, and small boat fisherman into the IFQ Fishery.

I was born and raised in Kodiak and my father was Alutiiq from the old village of Afognak that was destroyed in the 1964 earthquake. I grew up with fishing playing a role in every part of my life. We fished as a family to obtain food that sustained us throughout the year, we operated a commercial boat to provide for our economic needs, and we fished for pleasure when we had spare time to feed our souls. My family continues all of these activities and are committed to ensuring they are available for future generations.

Our region has experienced an unprecedented loss of access to much of the resource, which is located right outside our door, in my lifetime. Largely due to elements of Limited Access Programs that had led to the commodification of fishing privileges.

The Discussion Paper was a good first step in identifying what other regions are doing to attempt to mitigate similar issues coming from these type of management programs of what are fully allocated fisheries. Table 1 showed that all such programs have pursued a redistribution of quota or conducted a buyback to provide for the next generation. They show that it is possible to correct some of the unintended consequences we have seen.

It is time for the Council to take necessary action to provide for our coastal communities and future generations by making a commitment to prioritize Objective 5 from the original IFQ Program Goals that states: *Assure that those directly involved in the fishery benefit from the IFQ Program by assuring that these two fisheries are dominated by owner/operator operations.*

Sincerely,

Natasha M. Hayden, P.E.