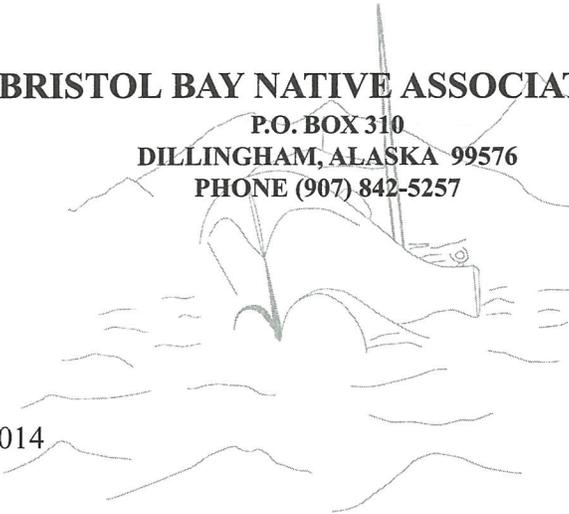


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Tribal Councils
Served by BBNA:

Aleknagik

Chignik Bay

Chignik Lagoon

Chignik Lake

Clarks Point

Curyung

Egegik

Ekuk

Ekwok

Igiugig

Iliamna

Ivanof Bay

Kanatak

King Salmon

Kokhanok

Koliganek

Levelock

Manokotak

Naknek

New Stuyahok

Newhalen

Nondalton

Pedro Bay

Perryville

Pilot Point

Port Heiden

Portage Creek

South Naknek

Togiak

Twin Hills

Ugashik

September 29, 2014

Chris Oliver, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery
Management Council
605 West 4th, Suite 306
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Mr. Oliver,

Enclosed please find resolution:

- 2014-28
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BERING SEA FISHERIES ECOSYSTEM PLAN BY THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
This resolution was passed during the Full Board of Directors meeting of the Bristol Bay Native Association, September 17-19, 2014. BBNA, the regional non-profit for the Bristol Bay region, represents 31 tribes.

This resolution represents a formal statement of considered opinion, intent, and resolve of the Association and its tribes. We have taken this action out of concern for our social, economic, and cultural well-being. We communicate this resolution to inform you of our position and to earnestly solicit your assistance in our efforts.

Sincerely,

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

Ralph Andersen
President & CEO

Enclosure(s)

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By the Full Board of Directors

Resolution 2014-28

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WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association, Inc. (BBNA) is an Alaska Native non-profit corporation and tribal consortium serving the 31 federally recognized tribes in the Bristol Bay Region; and

WHEREAS: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering developing a Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan; and

WHEREAS: BBNA tribal members are a part of the Bering Sea ecosystem and possess valuable traditional knowledge about the Bering Sea and southwest Alaska region; and

WHEREAS: Commercial fishing, particularly of salmon, but also cod, crab, herring, pollock, halibut, groundfish and other species has been the economic engine of southwest Alaska; and

WHEREAS: Marine resources are a critical component of the subsistence way of life for indigenous peoples in the Bering Sea region, including cultural, spiritual, nutritional, and economic sustenance and should be accounted for in fisheries management; and

WHEREAS: Commercial fishermen and subsistence fishermen and hunters must be accounted for as part of the rich Bering Sea ecosystem; and

WHEREAS: The impacts of climate change have introduced new uncertainties that justify a new way of considering feedback and rapid changes in the environment in management actions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Full Board of Directors of BBNA urges the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to develop and adopt a Bering Sea Fisheries Ecosystem Plan which establishes clear statements about how the Council will weigh competing ecosystem values; provides regular points in management processes to integrate information from the region's traditional knowledge holders; ensures the protection of species that are important to subsistence fishing and hunting species; and effectively manages the Bering Sea ecosystem's health for the benefit of all users.

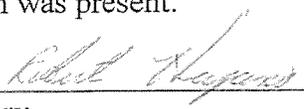
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BBNA urges that the process used by the Council in developing a Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan fully incorporate traditional knowledge and include direct participation by tribal representatives and subsistence and commercial fishermen from the Alaska Native communities of the Bering Sea region.



Chairman of the Board

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, Inc., do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Full Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association and a duly called and noticed meeting on the 19th day of September 2014, and that a quorum was present.



Secretary