

CENTRAL COUNCIL  
*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*  
Edward K. Thomas Building  
9097 Glacier Highway • Juneau, Alaska 99801

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February 2016

Dan Hull, Chairman NPFMC  
605 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management (C-2)

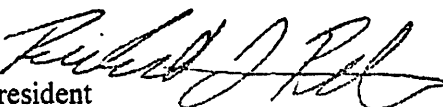
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Richard J. Peterson

  
President

Julie Bonney

C-2 Gulf Trawl Bycatch Mgmt  
C2 Meeting Public Comment

2/5/16

Governor Bill Walker  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811

February 5, 2016

Dear Governor Walker:

The week of February 3rd the entire inshore trawl fleet for the Gulf of Alaska stood down from fishing to allow owners, skippers, crew and their families to attend the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in Portland, Oregon. The fleet took this unprecedented step to travel thousands of miles to express concern with the fisheries management proposal put forth by your Administration for the Gulf of Alaska trawl fisheries. The proposal put forward by Commissioner Cotten on trawl bycatch management was put out at the last minute at the October 2015 Council meeting with no opportunity for the affected harvesters, processors, or fishery dependent communities to comment on it, and no analysis of its effects on current participants in the fishery or the communities our fisheries support.

The proposal coming from your Administration undermines the value of investments made by harvesters, processors and communities in Gulf of Alaska fisheries. It will make it virtually impossible for our industry to maintain the kind of economic benefits we have provided to towns like Kodiak, Sand Point and King Cove. Gulf of Alaska trawl fisheries ensure a year round fishing economy and a large resident workforce that otherwise would not be there. This benefits the communities and other more seasonal fisheries such as salmon. Your Administration's proposal jeopardizes these benefits and yet does nothing to better manage bycatch and improve conservation. There is absolutely no support for this approach by the current participants in the fishery.

Governor, our fleet is a diverse group. We have vessels from Kodiak, King Cove and Sand Point. There are vessels out of Petersburg and other Alaska towns as well as the Pacific Northwest. Many of the fishery participants have been in this fishery for decades and we are all part of the Alaska fishing economy and these communities. Especially in this time of financial distress, we do not understand why your Administration would want to hamstring our ability to provide these economic benefits to Alaskan coastal communities as we also work to meet the goal to reduce and control bycatch.

The economy of the Gulf of Alaska is in jeopardy and we sincerely ask that you take whatever steps are necessary to ensure viable fisheries in the future.

Sincerely:

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Julie Bonney Julie Bonney Alaska Groundfish Data Bank  
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 Vern Hall Vern Hall F/V VANGUARD  
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 F/V Pacific Storm  
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 Mark D Chandler Mark Chandler F/V Topaz  
 Bert Ashley Bert Ashley F/V GOLD RUSH  
 Mark Smith MARK SMITH F/V HICKORY WIND  
 Dave Smith Dave Smith F/V Lisa Melinda  
 Heather Mann Heather Mann Midwater Trawlers Coop  
 Jake Everich JAKE EVERICH F/V ALASKAN  
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F/V MARATHON  
F/V NEWLIFE

Bob Kereger  
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April D. Cochran

F/V Mar del Norte  
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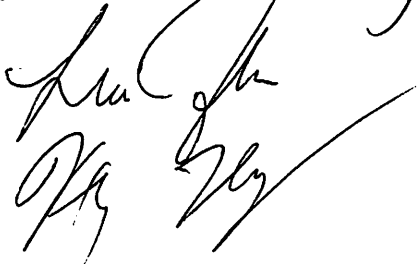
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F/V Pacific Storm



Peter Schonberg

F/V EQUINOX



Kiley Thompson

F/V ADVANTER

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F/V Decision

Tom Manos

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F/V Cape St Elias

Julian Manos

F/V Alaskan Lady



Dawn A. Foster Sr

F/V HEATHER MARBONE



Beth Stewart

Peninsula fishermen's Coalition



Bill Jacobson

F/V EXCAUBUR II



John McCarthy

F/V PACIFIC STAR

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~~Jody R Cook~~

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F/v Cape Reliant

Kirk Cortez

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F/v Elizabeth F

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George Hutchins  
Curt Waters

Elizabeth F  
FV Mar Del Norte

Roger Oueva

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F/v Cameron -

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Patrick O'Donnell

F/v CARAVELLE

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Candice Rodgers

F/v Hickory Wind

Mary D. Bisbee

M. Delany Bisbee

F/v Mau Pacifics

Mary D. Bisbee

M. Delany Bisbee

F/v Rosella

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Marcus Sauer

F/v Leslie Lee

Ron Keese

Ron Keese

F/v Excalibur II

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Juan Carlos penaloza

F/v CARAVELLE.

~~Joseph~~

Joseph Ham

Joseph HAM

F/v Chelissa, Dawn, Nichole

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Zack Lynch

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Robert Harrington

F/v DAWN

Mike Lynch

Mike Lynch

F/v Nichole FV / DAWN

Paul McCabe

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F/v Nichole

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| NAME                  | COMMUNITY | VESSEL NAME OR CREW |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1. Bruce Schactler    | Kodiak    | F/V Natalia         |
| 2. Charlie Peterson   | Kodiak    | F/V Patricia Sue    |
| 3. Hannah Heimbuch    | Homer     | F/V Sheik           |
| 4. George Kirk        | Kodiak    | F/V Arctic Wave     |
| 5. Pete Hannah        | Kodiak    | F/V Mikado          |
| 6. Don Brookins       | Kodiak    | F/V Arctic Wave     |
| 7. Oliver Holm        | Kodiak    | F/V Sulina          |
| 8. David Kubiak       | Kodiak    | F/V Mythos          |
| 9. Stosh Anderson     | Kodiak    | F/V Kestrel         |
| 10. Darren Platt      | Kodiak    | F/V Agnes Sabine    |
| 11. Alexis Kwachka    | Kodiak    | F/V No Point        |
| 12. Stan Vanmatre     | Kodiak    | F/V Patricia Kay    |
| 13. Marissa Wilson    | Cordova   | F/V Pacific Sojourn |
| 14. Jane Eisemann     | Kodiak    | F/V Moondance       |
| 15. Margaret Bosworth | Kodiak    | F/V Mikado          |

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|--|------------------|--|
| 16. Nancy Hillstrand                             | Homer            | Coal Point Seafood Company               |
| 17. Jeff Stephan                                 | Kodiak           | United Fishermen's Marketing Association |
| 18. Matt Alward                                  | Homer            | F/V Challenger                           |
| 19. Nathaniel Rose                               | Kodiak           | F/V Historian                            |
| 20. Kip Thomet                                   | Kodiak           | Westside Setnetter                       |
| 21. Leigh Thomet                                 | Kodiak           | Westside Setnetter                       |
| 22. Don Dumm                                     | Kodiak           | Westside Setnetter                       |
| 23. Revelle Russell                              | Homer            | F/V Sheik                                |
| 24. Todd Hoppe                                   | Homer            | F/V Deliverance                          |
| 25. Malcolm Milne and Family                     | Homer            | F/V Captain Cook                         |
| 26. Darius Kasprzak                              | Kodiak           | F/V Marona                               |
| 27. Theresa Peterson                             | Kodiak           | F/V Patricia Sue                         |
| 28. Rolan Ruoss                                  | Kodiak           | Business Owner                           |
| 29. Gary Ault                                    | Homer            | C/V Whistler                             |
| 30. Lando Echevario/Seven Sisters Fisheries, LLC | Kodiak           | F/V Kema Sue                             |



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|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 32. Curtis Bollinger | Kodiak           | F/V Sea Walker                |
| 33. Bryan Horn       | Kodiak           | F/V Jamboree                  |
| 34. Ken Christianson | Kodiak           | F/V Mary Ann, Fishin Magician |
| 35. Howard Peterson  | Kodiak           | F/V Raven                     |
| 36. Quinnan McWethy  | Kodiak           | F/V Fiona                     |
| 37. Chris Johnson    | Kodiak           | F/V North Star                |
| 38. Bob Bowhay       | Kodiak           | F/V Moondance                 |
| 39. Chuck McWethy    | Kodiak           | F/V Shining Sea               |
| 40. Leif Gustafson   | Kodiak           | F/V Sukhoi                    |
| 41. Harold Magnusson | Kodiak           | F/V Breanna Holly             |
| 42. Neil Rickman     | Kodiak           | F/V Christy                   |
| 43. John Nevin       | Kodiak           | F/V Aquarius                  |
| 44. Brian McWethy    | Kodiak           | F/V Defiant                   |
| 45. Eduardo T. Perez | Kodiak           | F/V El Caporal                |
| 46. Ron Kuczek       | Anchorage        | F/V Sandra Jean               |

47. Nicholas Hoffman

Kodiak

F/V St. James

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|-------------------------------|------------------|--|
| 48. Dylan Bean                | Kodiak           | F/V Kalsin Anne                              |
| 49. Mike Patitucci            | Kodiak           | F/V Denise Marie                             |
| 50. Chris Arndt               | Kodiak           | F/V Isle Dominator                           |
| 51. Dana Reid                 | Kodiak           | F/V Lynx                                     |
| 52. George A. Marshal         | Kodiak           | F/V Matilda Bay                              |
| 53. Theodore Thomas           | Kodiak           | F/V Agnes Sabine                             |
| 54. Jeff Harvey               | Kodiak           | F/V Jamboree                                 |
| 55. Nick Cooper               | Kodiak           | F/V Fiona                                    |
| 56. Alex Ipina                | Kodiak           | Deckhand                                     |
| 57. Neil Russel               | Kodiak           | F/V Second Wind                              |
| 58. Fred Nass                 | Kodiak           | Machinist                                    |
| 59. Joshua Desmaruis          | Kodiak           | F/V Lady Kathryn                             |
| 60. Angel Bravo               | Kodiak           | Shipwright                                   |
| 61. Native Village of Afognak | Afognak          | Tribal Organization                          |
| 62. Chuck McCallum            | Anchorage        | Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition |

63. Pat Pikus

Kodiak

F/V Polar Star

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|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 64. Dan Miller       | Kodiak           | F/V Anna DLong             |
| 65. Tim Longrich     | Kodiak           | F/V Shuyak                 |
| 66. Steven Ivanoff   | Kodiak           | F/V Aleutian Belle         |
| 67. Ian Ivanoff      | Kodiak           | F/V Aleutian Belle         |
| 68. Peter Ivanoff    | Kodiak           | F/V Aleutian Belle         |
| 69. Megan Ivanoff    | Kodiak           | F/V Aleutian Belle         |
| 70. Matt Ivanoff     | Kodiak           | F/V Aleutian Belle         |
| 71. Patricia Garland | Kodiak           | F/V Aleutian Belle         |
| 72. David Krom       | Kodiak           | F/V Aleutian Belle         |
| 73. Paul Sarato      | Kodiak           | F/V Aleutian Belle         |
| 74. Casey Siekaniec  | Homer            | F/V Harvest Moon           |
| 75. Ivan Heimbuch    | Homer            | Cook Inlet Permit Holder   |
| 76. Hanna Mikols     | Homer            | F/V Sea King               |
| 77. Britni Siekaniec | Homer            | F/V Harvest Moon           |
| 78. Ian Pitzman      | Homer            | F/V Cape Caution           |

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|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 80. Robin R. Clark   | Kodiak           | F/V Linnea                 |
| 81. Kalsin Clark     | Kodiak           | F/V Linnea                 |
| 82. Bevan Clark      | Kodiak           | F/V Linnea                 |
| 83. Hannah Clark     | Kodiak           | F/V Linnea                 |
| 84. Kevleen Clark    | Kodiak           | F/V Linnea                 |
| 85. Richard Bell     | Kodiak           | F/V Linnea                 |
| 86. Joshua Madsen    | Kodiak           | F/V Linnea                 |
| 87. Bob Tonheim      | Kodiak           | F/V Linnea                 |
| 88. Michael Friccero | Kodiak           | F/V Miss Gina              |
| 89. Michael Johnson  | Kodiak           | Deckhand                   |
| 90. Nathan Difiore   | Kodiak           | F/V Shoshona               |
| 91. Jeremy Young     | Kodiak           | F/V Alaskan Dream          |
| 92. Chris Chernoff   | Kodiak           | F/V Northern Endurance     |
| 93. Steven Horn      | Kodiak           | F/V Gallant Girl           |
| 94. Harvey Goodall   | Kodiak           | Setnetter                  |

95. Iver Holm

Kodiak

F/V Cyclone

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|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 96. Jim Horn         | Kodiak           | F/V Venturess              |
| 97. Monte Nugent     | Kodiak           | F/V Gallant Girl           |
| 98. Nic Sholl        | Kodiak           | F/V Jamboree               |
| 99. Ben Kondro       | Kodiak           | F/V Gallant Girl           |
| 100. Isaac Milliagan | Kodiak           | F/V Gallant Girl           |
| 101. Daniel Miller   | Kodiak           | F/V Anna D                 |
| 102. Amy Stonorov    | Homer            | F/V Miss Behavin           |
| 103. Judy Brakel     | Gustavus         | Subsistence Fisherman      |
| 104. David Bayes     | Homer            | Grand Aleutian             |
| 105. Erik Velsko     | Homer            | F/V Dangerous Cape         |
| 106. Garrett Lambert | Homer            | Sundy                      |
| 107. Ben Martin      | Homer            | Fringe Benefit             |
| 108. Jordan Cox      | Homer            | Storm Petrel               |
| 109. Chad Matthews   | Homer            | O'Fish'Ial                 |
| 110. Max Shifler     | Homer            | Big Easy                   |

111. Bryan Baker

Homer

Outer Coast

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|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|
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112. Cory DeCook

Homer

Tuff Stuff

113. Scott Swoboda

Homer

M/V Allen Ray

114. Daniel Donich

Homer

Optimus

115. Mike Flores

Soldotna

Arctic Endeavor

116. Paul F. Tapia Jr.

Homer

M/V Irish

117. Billy Hayden

Homer

Snaggin Wagon

118. Aaron Richel

Anchor Point

F/V Anna D

119. Molly Miller

Kodiak

F/V Anna D

120. Joe Macinko

Kodiak

Commercial Fisherman

121.

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Jee Stephen  
T. Peterson

Ceremonial Bent Wood Hat

## Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak

312 West Marine Way, Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Phone: 907.486.4449 Fax: 907.486.3361

February 3, 2016

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

### RE: Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management (C-2)

Dear Chairman Hull and Council members;

Alutiiq people of Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak (STK) belong to the largest of ten federally-recognized tribal governments located on the Kodiak Archipelago in western Gulf of Alaska. We are headquartered in the area now known as the City of Kodiak. Our 1,700 members work closely with other stakeholders in Kodiak and elsewhere in efforts to protect subsistence resources that have sustained us for thousands of years.

We also own and operate a small seafood processing business in Kodiak (Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises, Inc., aka "Kodiak Island WildSource"). Because one of our means for income generation is derived from surrounding waters, any degradation of resources supporting the web-of-life is unacceptable.

As in our on-going struggle to hold the US Navy accountable for their potentially harmful impacts on Gulf of Alaska ecosystems during large-scale training events or covert testing of weapons (*and what is their TAC?*), we are concerned about the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council's decisions regarding GOA trawl bycatch management and how they could adversely impact our Tribal Members and Kodiak residents.

We believe that Alternative #2 will result in processor and fishing fleet consolidation, gifted capitalization, and lost opportunities for local job creation and fish population monitoring. It may also lead to fewer markets for our salmon fishermen. On the other hand, implementation of Alternative #3 presents an improved blend of elements for protecting both community and Tribal Members' means to subsist, while adding to the knowledge base that helps fisheries managers to ensure healthy catches forever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Johnson".

Thomas Johnson  
Tribal Council Chairman  
Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak



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Dan Hull, Chairman  
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605 W. 4th Ave  
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If you have any questions regarding Afognak Native Corporation's support for Alternative 3 in Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management package, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alisha Drabek", is written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Alisha Drabek, PhD  
Senior Vice President of Community & Government Affairs  
Afognak Native Corporation  
907-481-2160



City of Larsen Bay  
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Larsen Bay, AK 99624  
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Date 3 February 2016

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NPFMC  
605 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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Re: Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management (C-2)

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David Harmes

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Dear Chairman Hull and Council members:

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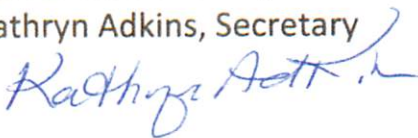
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Sincerely,

Port Lions Fisheries, Inc.

Kathryn Adkins, Secretary



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February 1, 2016

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Re: Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management (C-2)

Dear Chairman Hull and Council members:

We the Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor are concerned about the impacts of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council's decisions regarding GOA trawl bycatch management and how these decisions could adversely impact our community. Consequently, we continue to support the State of Alaska's Alternative 3 in the GOA Trawl Bycatch motion.

We have seen and experienced the negative impacts of traditional catch share programs like the Council's current "Alternative 2" in the GOA Trawl Bycatch Management package. The halibut and sablefish IFQ program, the Crab Rationalization program and the American Fisheries Act have all negatively impacted our rural, fisheries dependant, communities in the Gulf of Alaska. We know that Alternative 2 will result in consolidation, gifted capitalization, job loss, fleet disruption and loss of opportunity. It addition is likely to lead to processor consolidation and fewer markets for our salmon fishermen.

Many of the criticism regarding Alternative 3 focus on what is "unknown" or presumed not to work within the proposal. We believe the Council should focus on what is known about the negative impacts of an Alternative 2 type catch shares and continue to lead the nation in new and innovative management approaches by refining and adopting Alternative 3 as the management construct for Gulf of Alaska trawl groundfish fisheries. Just like past catch share programs, there will be some issues to resolve once the Alternative 3 type management structure is in place. But what these issues will be, in reality rather than speculation, won't be known until the Alternative 3 program is implemented.

If you have any questions regarding the Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor's support for Alternative 3 in Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management package, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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C-2 GULF TRAWL BYCATCH MANAGEMENT

**GOA WIDE TRAWL FISHING STAND DOWN FEB. 3 THROUGH FEB. 6, 2016**

Purpose: To allow for maximum attendance by Gulf of Alaska trawl fleet and testimony at the upcoming North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting in Portland, Oregon on the very important issue of Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management (also known as Gulf trawl catch share program).

Background: At the fleet meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> the CGOA fleet was informed that the WGOA fleet plans to stand down to allow trawl fishermen in their region to attend the NPFMC meeting in Portland, Oregon in February (See attached WGOA agreement). The question before the CGOA fleet was whether they would support the WGOA fleet's effort and do the same –stand down from fishing and have a large attendance at the NPFMC meeting. It was agreed that a GOA wide trawl stand down would send a very strong message to the NPFMC; the GOA tools package is extremely important to our industry and the communities that we support. The tools package needs to be done in a timely manner and correctly so the fleet can deal with all the new or reduced PSC caps (Chinook and Halibut). The February 2016 Council meeting is the first opportunity for stakeholders to provide public comment on Alternative 3 which is the new State alternative and was introduced by Commissioner Cotten at the October 2015 meeting.

Stand down: Every active trawl vessel out of Kodiak and Seward agreed to stand down in support of those attending the Council meeting and to send representatives to the meeting if feasible (see Table 1).

Table 1. CGOA trawl vessel stand down from Feb 3 to Feb 6; have vessel representation at the February NPFMC meeting in Portland

|    | <b>Vessel</b>    | <b>Agree to stand down?</b> | <b>Send Rep to Meeting?</b> |
|----|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Alaska Dawn      | Yes                         | ?                           |
| 2  | Alaskan          | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 3  | Anthem           | Yes                         | ?                           |
| 4  | Arctic Ram       | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 5  | Bay Islander     | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 6  | Cape Kiwanda     | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 7  | Caravelle        | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 8  | Chellissa        | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 9  | Collier Brothers | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 10 | Dawn             | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 11 | Elizabeth F      | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 12 | Enterprise       | Yes                         | No                          |
| 13 | Excalibur II     | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 14 | Gold Rush        | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 15 | Hickory Wind     | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 16 | Icy Mist         | Yes                         | No                          |
| 17 | Laura            | Yes                         | No                          |
| 18 | Leslie Lee       | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 19 | Marcy J          | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 20 | Mar Del Norte    | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 21 | Mar Pacifico     | Yes                         | ?                           |
| 22 | Marathon         | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 23 | Michelle Renee   | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 24 | Miss Sarah       | Yes                         | No                          |
| 25 | New Life         | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 26 | Pacific Star     | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 27 | Pacific Ram      | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 28 | Pacific Storm    | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 29 | Rosella          | Yes                         | No                          |
| 30 | Sea Mac          | Yes                         | ?                           |
| 31 | Stella           | Yes                         | No                          |
| 32 | Topaz            | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 33 | Vanguard         | Yes                         | Yes                         |
| 34 | Walter N         | Yes                         | ?                           |

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I, the undersigned, agree to stand down from trawling for all species from February 3 through February 7, 2016 to allow any or all trawl captains, owners, or crew to attend the NPFMC meeting in Portland. This meeting will have a major impact on the direction of the current GOA trawl bycatch management action before the council.

This agreement could be extended IF weather does not permit the quick return of people from Portland on February 6, 2016:

| NAME                     | SIGNATURE                     | VESSEL NAME         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Milla Attieri            | <i>[Signature]</i>            | OCEAN STORM         |
| Kiley Thompson           | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Decision            |
| <del>Mike Purinton</del> | <del><i>[Signature]</i></del> | <del>BEARAWAY</del> |
| Taylor Lundgren          | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Primus              |
| Ben Ley                  | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Cape St Elias       |
| Andrew Manos             | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Alaskan Lady        |
| Dale Pedersen            | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Celtic              |
| Robin Larsen             | <i>[Signature]</i>            | COURTNEY MORAN      |
| Dwain Gagne              | <i>[Signature]</i>            | HEATHER MORGAN      |
| Douglas Holsten          | <i>[Signature]</i>            | TERRA               |
| Steven Over              | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Cameron             |
| TIMOTHY ROBERTSON        | <i>[Signature]</i>            | ADVANCE             |
| STEVEN GARDINER          | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Shawna Rae          |
| Jody R. Cook             | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Cape Reliant        |
| TOM ERICH                | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Karen Erich         |
| <del>Alvin Newman</del>  | <del><i>[Signature]</i></del> | MS TNOID            |
| COREY WILSON             | <i>[Signature]</i>            | JUST IN CASE        |
| COREY WILSON             | <i>[Signature]</i>            | MISS COURTNEY KILBY |
| ALVIN NEWMAN             | <i>[Signature]</i>            | LADY LEE DAVIS      |
| David Wilson             | <i>[Signature]</i>            | Lady Jane           |

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