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North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306
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Dear NPFMC,

I, Robert J. Henrichs, am the Tribal Council President of the Native Village of Eyak, based in Cordova, Alaska. I am writing to comment on Agenda Item number D3: Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program Review at your February 2016 meeting in Portland, OR.

The Native Village of Eyak's aboriginal fishing rights on the Outer Continental Shelf remain intact today, and our members have traditionally used halibut for subsistence AND trade since time immemorial. With the institution of the IFQ program, the right to participate in the trade of halibut was improperly taken from the Tribe and should have rightly been maintained with the Tribe's inclusion in the IFQ program.

Thus, the Native Village of Eyak requests that in its review of the IFQ program, that the NPFMC consult with the Native Village of Eyak to determine a means by which the Tribe can be allocated a reasonable number of IFQ shares so that its participation in this fishery can be restored, and that any necessary modifications to the Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program be made to accommodate the restoration of these rights.

I thank you for considering this comment.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Henrichs
President
Native Village of Eyak
Traditional Tribal Council

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