



## Bering Sea Elders Group

February 9, 2018

Mr. Dan Hull, Chairman  
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Re: Agenda Item E1: Ecosystem Research Workshop**

Dear Chairman Hull and Council Members:

On behalf of the 39 member tribes of the Bering Sea Elders Group, we write to thank you for the opportunity to take part in the Ecosystem Research Workshop. We appreciated being part of the dialogue and, in particular, the chance to talk about our local and traditional knowledge (LTK). The discussions at the workshop and the Ecosystem Committee about incorporation of LTK and community perspectives are good steps in the right direction. We hope to work together to help make sustainable fisheries management decisions.

We would welcome the opportunity to have community input be a regular part of the Council process and to work with you to engage affected communities.

Thank you again, and we look forward to working with you on issues that affect our waters and communities.

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Harry Lincoln, Chair  
Bering Sea Elders Group