



North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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RE: C2: Chum Salmon Bycatch - Initial Review

Dear North Pacific Fishery Management Council Members:

I am writing to you regarding agenda item C2: Chum Salmon Bycatch - Initial Review. The council must take meaningful and significant action to set a cap on chum salmon. The status quo of allowing the trawl industry to indiscriminately catch and discard chum salmon with no current limit is unacceptable. I encourage the National Marine Fisheries Service to work with the Council to not only consider the current alternatives listed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement but to hear from Alaskans and consider and discuss caps that go further to protect the health, ecosystem and abundance of chum salmon. The impacts of not having a chum salmon bycatch cap continues to be devastating to Alaskans. Chum salmon are important to feeding Alaskan families and have significant cultural ties to Alaska Native people. When the Council looks at the issue of chum salmon, it must not downplay the significance with gross percentages that include Asian hatchery fish. Instead, please ensure that chum salmon destined for Western Alaska rivers have a fighting chance to return to their natal streams. Please take meaningful action to ensure that an ecosystem wide abundance is used when setting bycatch caps for all species including chum salmon, thank you.

Sincerely,

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