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North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
1007 West Third, Suite 400
Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: C-2 – BSAI Halibut Abundance Based Management

Dear Chairman Kineen and Members of the Council,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance supports abundance-based management (ABM) of the halibut resource. Based on the analysis, alternative 4 with option 3 would be our preferred alternative to equitably share the resource between by-catch and directed halibut fisheries. It is important that opportunities for directed fisheries are sustained to ensure the survival of our remote coastal fishing communities and subsistence users. Bycatch affects all areas not just the immediate vicinity that the bycatch is taken in.

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance is a multi-gear, multi-species non-profit organization representing out 330+ members involved in the salmon, crab and shrimp fisheries of Southeast Alaska and halibut and sablefish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director