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David Witherell, Executive Director North Pacific Fishery Management Council 1007 West Third, Suite 400 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Witherell:

We have approved amendment 127 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI), amendment 115 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska, amendment 56 to the FMP for BSAI King and Tanner Crabs, amendment 17 to the FMP for the Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska, and amendment 3 to the FMP for Fish Resources of the Arctic Management Area (amendments) (RTID 0648-XD632). These amendments revise the FMPs by updating the description and identification of essential fish habitat (EFH) and updating information on adverse impacts to EFH based on the best scientific information available. The amendments are consistent with current operations in the fisheries, Federal regulations, and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

There are no implementing regulations with these amendments.

Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Kurland Regional Administrator

