



November 25, 2018

Mr. Simon Kineen, Chairman
Mr. David Witherell, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
605 West 4th Avenue, Suite 306
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Agenda Item D1: Exempted Fishing Permit for Adak Pollock

Dear Chairman Kineen,

We are commenting today in support of The Aleut Corporation ("TAC") application for an Exempted Fishing Permit ("EFP") that would allow the testing of methods to minimize Pacific ocean perch (POP) bycatch while harvesting the TAC Aleutian Islands ("AI") pollock allocation. If successful, this may provide an opportunity for the Aleut Corporation to develop an economically viable AI pollock fishery that contributes to Adak and the greater regional economy, in accordance with the original intent of the allocation.

The annual TAC allocation, could become an important component to regional economic development. However, there have been several attempts by a variety of vessels (2005, 2015, 2016 and 2018) to harvest this pollock with very limited success, and Pacific cod remains the foundation of our regional economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above the printed name.

Jason Ogilvie, President
Golden Harvest Alaska Seafood
Adak, Alaska

