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Via NPFMC website: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2653>

RE: NPFMC Advisory Panel nominations – Tim Heuker

Dear Mr. Witherell,

I am writing on behalf of the Freezer Longline Conservation Cooperative (FLCC) to express our support for the appointment of Tim Heuker to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Advisory Panel.

The FLCC is comprised of owners of 17 active (2021-to-date) commercial fishing vessels that participate in the freezer longline sector of the federal Pacific cod fishery in the Bering Sea (BS), Aleutian Islands (AI). Our fishermen are almost entirely dependent on the annual harvest of Pacific cod to support themselves, their families and their communities. Our nine member companies employ over 1,000 crew on their vessels each year, with about 20-25 crew deployed on a vessel on a given trip.

FLCC believes Mr. Heuker is very well qualified to represent fisheries stakeholders on the Advisory Panel, including fixed gear fleets like our own and participants in the Pacific cod and crab fisheries. He participates in numerous fisheries in the waters of both Alaska and the West Coast including BSAI crab and Pacific cod. Tim also has experience in serving in a similar capacity as a Columbia River Advisory Panel member for the past five years and as President of the Bering Sea Crab Co-op.

We believe Tim is the best candidate for this position given the current issues at hand for fixed gear fishermen in both the crab and Pacific cod fisheries. His extensive experience will allow him to bring a fair and balanced perspective to the Advisory Panel. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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