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North Pacific Fishery Management Council
1007 West Third Avenue, Suite 400
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear NPFMC:

Cook Inletkeeper is a community-based organization created by Cook Inlet fishermen and others in 1995 to protect the Cook Inlet watershed and the life it sustains. Please accept these brief comments on the proposed Cook Inlet salmon FMP.

Inletkeeper is surprised and disappointed the State of Alaska representatives introduced Alternative 4 so late in the process to develop an FMP for the Cook Inlet salmon fishery. Alternative 4 would effectively shut-down commercial salmon fishing in Cook Inlet, with devastating impacts to local families and communities. Alternative 4 reflects a hyper-politicized, anti-commercial fishing perspective from the Dunleavy Administration, and it should be rejected outright.

Instead, the NPFMC should adopt a modified version of Alternative 2 which embraces science and the ten national standards under the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Inletkeeper truly hopes you do not breath legitimacy into the process and the substance surrounding Alternative 4.

Yours for Cook Inlet,

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