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Mr. Dave Witherell, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Via NPFMC website: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2653>

RE: NPFMC Advisory Panel nominations

Dear Mr. Witherell,

I am writing on behalf of Alaskan Leader Fisheries to express our strongest support for Tamara Briggie to be appointed to the NPFMC Advisory Panel (AP). We believe Ms. Briggie's qualifications make her an outstanding candidate to serve on the AP. Her background and knowledge will also help to fill an important role in maintaining a diversity of Washington State-based commercial fishing representation on the AP with the terming out of Joel Peterson.

Ms. Briggie's work with the freezer longline sector and her many years of involvement in the fisheries management process make her an outstanding candidate to succeed Mr. Peterson as a Washington State-based representative on the AP. As importantly, from our experience with Ms. Briggie we believe her participation on the AP will help to foster constructive debate by the panel and contribute toward practicable solutions on complex fisheries issues before the AP.

Ms. Briggie's appointment to fill the seat now held by Mr. Peterson will ensure the AP continues to include a member who can bring this specific perspective to the table. As the Quota Manager for the FLC, she is responsible for helping ensure the orderly harvest of Pacific cod and other species by our fleet. With that, she is regularly engaged with our company and other FLC members about our operations at sea and the challenges facing our vessels to harvest and process our catch, allowing her to bring an informed voice on the impacts of proposed actions to the freezer longline fleet. This is consistent with the Council's longstanding interest to ensure that a diversity of industry perspectives are represented at the AP.

We believe that with Ms. Briggie's 15 years of experience in the fisheries, including engagement on watershed restoration efforts impacting salmon fisheries and with the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), this experience affords her specific knowledge related to salmon and halibut fisheries that will serve her and the AP well in upcoming deliberations. Should she be appointed, she will be well-positioned to engage with vessel operators and crew about the AP process and its outcome. As a member of the AP we believe she will both

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provide specific freezer longline sector perspectives to discussions and work with others at the table to forge solutions to complex fisheries questions before the AP. Ms. Briggie will be well positioned to offer valuable industry insights on the Pacific cod fisheries as Council continues to take up actions impacting the future of the resource and its users.

Alaskan Leader Fisheries strongly supports Ms. Briggie's appointment to the AP. We would be happy to talk further with you should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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