



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Mr. David Witherell, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Mr. Witherell:

We have approved Amendments 126/114 to the Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (RIN 0648-BM40). These amendments expand Electronic Monitoring (EM) to the pollock fisheries under the North Pacific Observer Program. The trawl EM category would allow for compliance monitoring to be conducted by an EM system on board the vessel combined with sampling by observers deployed at shoreside or stationary floating processors, instead of at-sea observers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan M. Kurland".

Jonathan M. Kurland
Regional Administrator

