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North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Members of Council,

North Pacific Fisheries Association (NPFA) would like to commend the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team on the work they have accomplished. Developing a Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) is a monumental task and we are proud of our regional Council for taking the lead on developing a second regional FEP. NPFA is based in Homer, Alaska, and we have several members that participate in Bering Sea fisheries. Homer is one of many communities that depend on the Bering Sea Ecosystem,

The Bering Sea FEP is a productive way to provide the best available information, understanding and clarity to all stakeholders.

We support the adoption of the Bering Sea FEP, but would like to see section 8, p. 101, expanded. While we support coastal communities along the Bering Sea and their inclusion in the “Public involvement plan”, there are other communities impacted by the Bering Sea region that may not physically share a boundary line with the region. The Council may consider expanding the “Public involvement plan” taking into account other North Pacific coastal communities that are impacted by the weaknesses or strengths of the Bering Sea ecosystem and the decisions that are made that impact the region and perhaps identify additional opportunities to involve those communities within section 8.

Respectfully,

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