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September 29, 2021

Mr. Simon Kineen, Chairman
David Witherell, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
1007 West Third Avenue, Suite 400 Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: BSAI Crab C-1

Dear Chairman Kineen and Council Members:

The City of Unalaska is home to the International Port of Dutch Harbor, the largest commercial fishing port in the nation and the largest crab processing community in the State of Alaska. Unalaska and the International Port of Dutch Harbor is also a vital transportation, shipping, and economic hub in the Arctic Region.

Crab closures and major allocation reductions impact the City of Unalaska's Revenues. At this point, we are estimating about a 500K hit to the budget for the Bristol Bay Red King Crab closure. We originally anticipated the Bering Sea Snow Crab to be reduced by 50%, meaning a hit of about \$1.2 million. At that point, we were looking at an estimated \$1.7 million impact and this could be much higher with sales tax revenues impacted from lost fuel sales. This also negatively impacts wharfage revenue. We plan to begin work re-estimating the financial impact on this year's revenues and begin to identify options for the next steps on how we can continue to meet community needs and provide services to the public.

Crab closures and reductions will also directly impact harvesters, local processors, support industry, and laborers that are a vital part of our community. The City supports additional research and protection areas for crab stocks, as soon as possible to address this emergency situation facing the harvesters, processors, and communities.

The City of Unalaska thanks you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent M. Tutiakoff Sr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Vincent Tutiakoff Sr.
Mayor

CC: Erin Reinders, Unalaska City Manager
Unalaska City Council