



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Angel Drobnica, Chair

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Re: C-2, Chum salmon bycatch initial review analysis

Dear Madam Chair Drobnica,

I am a 40 year veteran of fisheries in Alaska, primarily trawling for pollock and cod in the BSAI. Currently I manage a fleet of 8 shore-based trawl CV's, for Bering North LLC, that target cod and pollock in the BSAI/GOA.

First, I would like to thank the staff for the herculean effort of producing this document under such a compressed timeline. I am looking forward to the next iteration, which will hopefully better illuminate the downstream effects of avoiding Russian and Asian chum salmon under a hardcap and the experienced short-comings of static time/area closures.

I wholly support Alt 4 as outlined by the CV intercooperative group. Alt 4 provides the flexibility to be the most responsive to changing ocean conditions. Also, it can evolve as real-time genetic testing becomes more of a reality and furthering everyone's goal of reducing WAK chum encounters to the highest extent practicable. Alt 4 gives us the tools to be much more surgical and immediately responsive to avoiding WAK chum salmon than an ineffective blanket time/area closure ever could.

Thank you for your time.

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