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October 1, 2019

Mr. David Witherell, Executive Director North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Re: C7 - A.I. Pacific Cod Set-Aside

Mr Witherell and Council Members,

On September 26th, in accordance with Amendment 113, Adak City Manager Layton Lockett notified NMFS of our intent to process Aleutian Islands Pacific cod in 2019. On September 28, Mary Furuness of NMFS confirmed that the set-aside will be in place for 2019.

We appreciate the Council's efforts to close the unintended loophole in Amendment 113 which lead to a loss of some of the Pacific cod set-aside allocation earlier this year. At this meeting you are considering the release of the RIR and final action in December. We ask that you continue in this direction.

Staff analysis clearly shows that Alternatives 1 and 2 do not meet Council intent, while that same analysis shows that Alternatives 3 and 4 both meet Council intent. We conclude therefore that the analysis presents a reasonable range of alternatives and that final action is possible at the December Council meeting.

We continue to be concerned that the amended regulation will not be in place before next season, and ask that the Council again request a voluntary stand-down by the industry to preserve the set-aside and Council intent.

Thank you,

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