





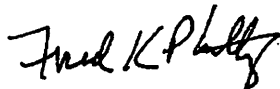


ensure that such knowledge appropriately informs Council processes. We understand that the Bering Sea FEP core document, as well as action modules, may provide this opportunity and we strongly encourage the Council to move forward in this direction. BSEG believes that collaboration and exchange of knowledge will lead to stronger management information and informed decisions. Furthermore, towards that end, BSEG recommends that the Council consider a co-production of knowledge approach that brings together both science and Traditional Knowledge through an equitable process.<sup>1</sup>

Finally, BSEG encourages the Council to reaffirm its commitment to working with tribes and address tribal concerns. To this end, BSEG encourages the Council to have a direct link to tribal consultation conducted by NOAA, and specifically the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and should ensure that information from consultations is used in the Council's decision-making processes. We ask the Council to develop a framework that will give it access to consultation information on a regular basis.

BSEG thanks you for the Discussion Paper and we look forward to building a more robust relationship between the Council and our communities.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred K. Phillip". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Fred Phillip, Ambassador  
Bering Sea Elders Group

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<sup>1</sup> Behe, C., R. Daniel, and J. Raymond-Yakoubian. 2018. Understanding the Arctic through a co-production of knowledge approach. Workshop at the Alaska Marine Science Symposium, Anchorage, Alaska, January 23-24, 2018.