

# ALASKA BOAT COMPANY, LLC

**AGENT FOR:**

Alaska Rose  
Bering Rose  
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**AGENT FOR:**

Great Pacific  
Messiah  
Sea Wolf  
Aleutian No 1

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Re: Agenda Item C2 Trawl EM Analysis

Dear Mr. Kinneen and members of the Council,

Alaska Boat Company manages and operates a fleet of AFA CV's operating out of the Bering Sea and delivering to Alyeska Seafoods. Three of our vessels (F/V Bering Rose, F/V Destination, F/V Sea Wolf) have participated in the *Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska Pelagic Electronic Monitoring Exempted Fishing Permit* since A season 2021. I am writing today to encourage the Council to initiate an analysis, including the development of a Purpose and Need Statement and draft set of Alternatives, for development of an electronic monitoring program for compliance monitoring in both Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska pollock fisheries.

We have found the use of electronic monitoring to be extremely beneficial in lieu of human observers for compliance monitoring. From an operator perspective this has been a huge success allowing for flexibility in travel logistics to and from the lower 48, last minute trip scheduling changes and departures, improved deck safety measures, and finally reduced COVID exposure risk within our fleet. Although Alaska Boat Company has always strived to provide a safe and communicative work environment for at sea observers on board our vessels, personal conflicts and deck safety issues do occasionally arise. Our crew have found that the efficiencies gained through the electronic monitoring far outweigh any additional requirements as set forth in the EFP.

The F/V Bering Rose, F/V Destination, and F/V Sea Wolf will continue to participate in the EFP as it progresses, and we look forward to its development into a regulated monitoring program. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Yeager  
Alaska Boat Company