

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668

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James Mize Mothership Fleet Cooperative 2200 Alaskan Way, Suite 420 Seattle, Washington 98121

Dear Mr. Mize:

We have reviewed a proposed amendment to the Mothership Salmon Savings Incentive Plan (IPA) you submitted on December 16, 2024. The IPA you are proposing to amend was approved by NMFS on December 28, 2016, under regulations at 50 CFR part 679 for management of Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The revised IPA includes additional measures designed to further minimize bycatch of chum salmon, especially Western Alaska origin chum salmon, by incorporating available genetic stock composition data into the Rolling Hotspot program.

I have determined that this proposed amendment meets the requirements of § 679.21(f)(12) because the IPA as amended is consistent with the requirements of § 679.21(f)(12)(i) through (iv). Therefore, I approve the amended IPA effective today.

Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Kurland Regional Administrator

