



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Dear Mr. Estabrooks:

We have reviewed a proposed amendment to the Chinook and Chum Salmon Bycatch Reduction Incentive Plan and Agreement (IPA) you submitted on November 29, 2024. The IPA you are proposing to amend was approved by NMFS on June 8, 2022, under regulations at 50 CFR part 679 for management of Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The revised IPA names you as the new IPA Representative succeeding Stephanie Madsen and formalizes the replacement of the Arctic Fjord with a new vessel of the same name.

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

