



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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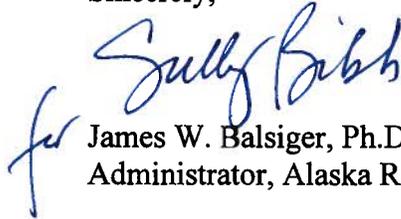
Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Mothership Salmon Savings Incentive Plan

Dear Mr. Bersch:

We have reviewed a proposed amendment to the Mothership Salmon Savings Incentive Plan (IPA) you submitted on March 16, 2012. The IPA you are proposing to amend was approved by NMFS on January 14, 2011, under regulations at 50 CFR part 679 for management of Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery.

I have determined that this proposed amendment meets the requirements of § 679.21(f)(12) because a completed application for the amendment was submitted and 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,


for James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.

Administrator, Alaska Region



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