

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN or REGULATORY AMENDMENT PROPOSAL
North Pacific Fishery Management Council – Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee
Provide the following information – attach additional pages as necessary:

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Fishery Management Plan: GOA Groundfish

Brief Statement of Proposal: Open Spitz Island to the beach for pot and jig gear only.

Objectives of Proposal (What is the problem?): The closure at Mitrofanina Light is warranted but the Spitz Island closure is not. Only four or five Sea Lions typically use Spitz Island. This is good fishing area that should be open to pot and jig.

Need and Justification for Council Action (Why can't the problem be resolved through other channels?): This problem will not be resolved without council action. Only the council has the authority to recommend changing this closure.

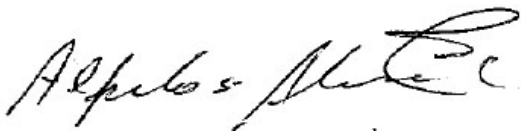
Foreseeable Impacts of Proposal (Who wins, who loses?): Steller Sea Lions will not be affected since Sea Lion hardly use Spitz Island so there is plenty of food for them even with pot boats fishing near them. Fishermen will be helped.

Are there Alternative Solutions? If so, what are they and why do you consider your proposal the best way of solving the problem? None

Supporting Data & Other Information. What data are available and where can they be found? Be specific and cite references.

Offsetting Measures. OPTIONAL - What protection measures might be increased in the region to offset the proposed action?

Signature:



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