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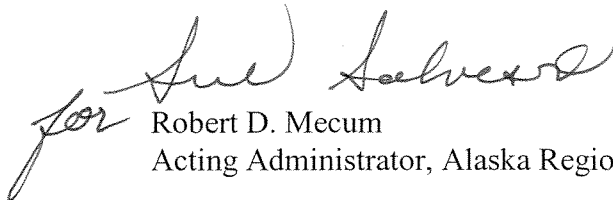
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Chris Oliver, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Mr. ~~Oliver~~ ^{Chris}:

We have approved Amendment 84 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area. This amendment exempts vessels participating in the American Fisheries Act and Community Development Quota pollock fisheries from the Chinook and Chum Salmon Savings Area closures if they participate in an intercooperative agreement to reduce salmon bycatch. Additionally, the amendment exempts all non-pollock trawl vessels from Chum Salmon Savings Area closures. This amendment is intended to reduce salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area. A final rule to implement Amendment 84 will follow at a later date.

Sincerely,


for Robert D. Mecum
Acting Administrator, Alaska Region

