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Agenda Item: C3 BSAI trawl CV cod

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April 2, 2019

Simon Kinneen, Chairman
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
605 W. 4th Ave. Suite 306
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Subject: Agenda Item C-3 BSAI trawl CV cod

Dear Chairman Kinneen,

The City of Unalaska is this nation's number one commercial fishing port is highly dependent on fishery landings made by catcher vessels that deliver Pollock, Pacific Cod and various crab species to Unalaska's shore-based processing plants

I'm writing to you today in strong support of the continued development of **Alternative 2 Option 1 sub-option 1.3** this would limit the vessels that could grandfathered in to two vessels under this alternative. The fishing industry of the Bering Sea is Unalaska only industry, and if we are negatively impacted which we have been from less Pacific Cod catcher vessel deliveries along with other fishery dependent communities in this region. During past few years we have seen the Amendment 80 vessels acting as Mothership's have increased their activity; in 2017 12.7% 2018 21% 2019 30.5%. With the race for fish continuing in many cod sectors, and continued declining cod allocations action must be taken at this meeting. We also feel that with a moving forward with cad rationalization plan for the sectors that aren't rationalized is very important and a rationalized cod fishery would end the race for fish and would help reduce the bycatch of Halibut especially during the A season harvest.

The City of Unalaska believes that the alternatives Alt.2 Option 1 sub option 1.3 would provide the needed protection for the continued catcher vessel deliveries to Unalaska and other fishery dependent communities in the Bering Sea area. We also feel that moving forward with a cod rationalization plan is critical to stop the race for fish and to reduce bycatch especial during the A season harvest.

The shoreplants in Unalaska, Akutan and King Cove have invested tens of millions in their respective communities through taxes paid, plant upgrades, wages, goods and service purchased from support business, scholarships funds, and donations to charitable causes.

In Unalaska alone, real property taxes paid by the 5 major shore-based companies for FY18 came in at \$1.1 million dollars and millions more in sales taxes and local and state shared fishery taxes.

The investments made in cod processing plant upgrades recently done by Unalaska shore-based plants is substantial, in the many millions of dollars. To further show the importance of cod processing to Unalaska, I have included with this memo a 5-year spread sheet on cod deliveries to Unalaska shore based plants, based on volume, value and taxes paid. This information shows the importance of cod landings to Unalaska.

The Pacific Cod fishery after the Pollock fishery is the next most important species that is processed by the local Unalaska shore plants. Unalaska shore plants are already facing added pressure on the Pacific Cod fishery, with the Bering Sea Cod allocation taking a potential 20% or higher reduction in 2020 Federal water fishery. We expect to see continued additional vessels moving into the Bering Sea federal water fishery, with the continued decline in the Gulf of Alaska Cod fishery. This past A season we saw cod catcher vessels allocations taken in record time in some cases less than two weeks.

The impacts from shorter fishing seasons will mean less revenue for harvesters, processors, and support sector businesses. Unalaska will also have face impacts to employment in all sectors of the community, especially the processing plants, the support sector businesses people that work on the waterfront and transportation sectors.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments on this important issue.

Sincerely

CITY OF UNALASKA


Frank Kelty
Mayor

CITY OF UNALASKA PACIFIC COD LANDINGS AND TAX INFORMATION 2015-TO FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Pacific Cod Harvest Year	lbs.	Ave Price lbs.	Gross Sale	2% Local tax	AK Bus State Shared 1.5%	Total Taxes
2015	70,218,979	\$0.24	\$17,080,862.13	\$341,617.24	\$256,212.93	\$597,830.17
2016	76,554,095	\$0.23	\$,18,277,081.07	\$365,541.62	\$274,156.21	\$639,697.83
2017	70,728,472	\$0.31	\$21,929,818.00	\$429,824.45	\$328,947.27	\$758,771.72
2018	59,751,296	\$0.37	\$21,900,753.76	\$429,254.77	\$328,511.30	\$757,766.07
Jul 1 -18 to-Feb 28 -19	35,042,609	\$0.39	\$13,521,888.03	\$270,437.76	\$202,828.32	\$437,266.08
TOTALS	311,292,452	\$0.30	\$92,710,402.08	\$1,836,675.84	\$1,390,656.03	\$3,191,331.87

2019 Pacific Cod A Season Harvest Information

Pacific Cod Sectors	A Season Quota	Catch Thru 1/26/19	Remaining Quota	Status	Fishing Days
Pacific Cod C/P Hook&Line	39,912MT	8,668MT	31,244MT	Open	26 Days
Pacific Cod C/V Trawl	26,388MT	9,075MT	17,313MT	Closed 1/31/19	11 Days
Pacific Cod C/P Amend 80 Trawl	16,216MT	647MT	15,569MT	Open	6 Days
Pacific Cod C/P AFA	2,783MT	212MT	2,571MT	Open	6 Days
Pacific Cod C/P Pot	1,229MT	1,295MT	66MT	Closed 1/11/19	11Days
Pacific Cod 60' > Over Pot CV	7,770MT	7,709MT	61MT	Closed 1/11/19	11 Days
Pacific Cod 60' < under Pot ,H/L	3,214MT	2,841MT	373MT	Closed 1/10/19	10 Days
Pacific Cod CDQ	10,688MT	1,513MT	9,175MT	Open	26 Days
Pacific Cod Jig	1,355MT	0MT	1,355MT	Open	26 Days
Dutch Harbor State Water	31.9 Million lbs.	6.7 Million lbs.	25 million lbs.	Open	12 Days
60 'Under Pacific Cod Pot Fishery					
Harvest through February 1, 2019					
This information shows the fast pace of the unrationalized Pacific Cod Fishery CV Pot and CV trawl fisheries which if this continues					
will have major impacts to fishery dependent communities such as Unalaska that depend on Pacific Cod landings					