June 8, 2022

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Re: Approval of Amendment to the Chinook and Chum Salmon Bycatch Reduction Incentive Plan

Dear Ms. Madsen:

We have reviewed a proposed amendment to the Chinook and Chum Salmon Bycatch Reduction Incentive Plan and Agreement (IPA) you submitted on June 1, 2022. The IPA you are proposing to amend was approved by NMFS on December 28, 2016, under regulations at 50 CFR part 679 for management of Chinook and chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery.

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