



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

*National Marine Fisheries Service*

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**December 28, 2016**

Stephanie Madsen  
At-Sea Processors Association  
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Re: Approval of Amendment to the Chinook Salmon Bycatch Reduction Incentive Plan

Dear Ms. Madsen:

We have reviewed a proposed amendment to the Chinook Salmon Bycatch Reduction Incentive Plan and Agreement (IPA) you submitted on December 22, 2016. The IPA you are proposing to amend was approved by NMFS on December 17, 2014, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert" followed by a stylized monogram.

A handwritten mark consisting of a vertical line with a hook at the bottom, positioned to the left of the typed name.

James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.  
Administrator, Alaska Region

