



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Marine Fisheries Service

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John Gruver
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Re: Approval of the Inshore Chinook Salmon Savings Incentive Plan Agreement

Dear Mr. Gruver:

We have reviewed the Inshore Chinook Salmon Savings Incentive Plan Agreement (IPA) submitted on October 1, 2010, under regulations governing the management of Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery. I have made the following determinations about the proposed IPA:

- A completed application was submitted in compliance with § 679.21(f)(12)(iii)(A) and was received by the deadline of October 1, 2010.
- The IPA complies with the minimum participation requirements in § 679.21(f)(12)(i)(A) because participants in the IPA represent all catcher vessels permitted to harvest pollock for processing by American Fisheries Act (AFA) inshore processors, and these vessels collectively represent more than 9 percent of the pollock quota as defined under § 679.21(f)(12)(i)(A).
- The IPA complies with the minimum participation requirements in § 679.21(f)(12)(i)(B) because the participants collectively represent two or more corporations, partnerships, or individuals who own AFA permitted vessels and are not affiliated, as affiliation is defined for purposes of AFA entities in § 679.2.
- The IPA contains the information required in § 679.21(f)(12)(iii)(B), including a written description of the incentive measures required in § 679.21(f)(12)(iii)(B)(3).

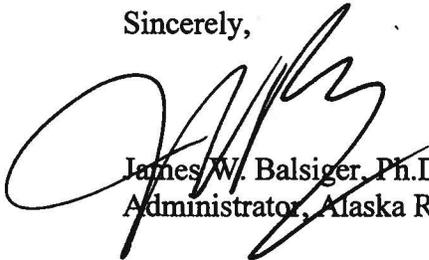
Based on these findings, I approve the Inshore Chinook Salmon Savings Incentive Plan Agreement as it is described in your letter dated September 30, 2010, and submitted on October 1, 2010. This IPA is effective on January 1, 2011, and does not have an expiration date. We have assigned this IPA the identification number 1. A copy of this IPA is posted on the NMFS Alaska Region website at alaskafisheries.noaa.gov. The representatives of each inshore cooperative will receive a separate letter from NMFS providing additional information about online access to their Chinook salmon PSC allocation account to check account balances and to make transfers.



In addition, we recognize the corrections that you recommended in your September 30, 2010, letter to inform us about two catcher vessels listed on Table 47c to part 679. We will revise this table through rulemaking as soon as practicable. In the meantime, we recognize the F/V *Gladiator* (AFA permit # 1318) and the F/V *Morning Star* (AFA permit #6204) as eligible AFA vessels and participants in the Inshore Chinook Salmon Savings Incentive Plan Agreement.

If you have questions about approval of the IPA, please contact Sally Bibb at (907) 586-7389 or sally.bibb@noaa.gov, or Gretchen Harrington at (907)-586-7445 or gretchen.harrington@noaa.gov. If you have questions about the management of the Chinook salmon PSC allocations, please contact Josh Keaton at (907) 586-7519 or josh.keaton@noaa.gov, or Mary Furuness at (907) 586-7447 or mary.furuness@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Administrator, Alaska Region