



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

*National Marine Fisheries Service*

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John Gruver  
United Catcher Boats Association  
4005 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. West  
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**Re: Approval of Amendment to the Inshore Chinook Salmon Savings Incentive Plan**

Dear Mr. Gruver:

We have reviewed a proposed amendment to the Inshore Chinook Salmon Savings Incentive Plan (IPA) you submitted on January 18, 2017. The IPA you are proposing to amend was approved by NMFS on June 5, 2015, 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,

James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.

Administrator, Alaska Region

*for*

