



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

*National Marine Fisheries Service*

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Mr. Chris Oliver, Executive Director  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Dear Chris:

We approved Amendment 85 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) on June 18, 2009. This amendment removes the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area stand downs that apply to catcher/processors that participate in the cooperative and limited access fisheries in the Rockfish Program in July. A final rule to implement Amendment 85 will follow at a later date.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Mecum  
Acting Administrator, Alaska Region



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