



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mr. Chris Oliver, Executive Director
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
605 West 4th Avenue, Suite 306
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

Dear Chris:

We have approved Amendment 93 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) (RIN 0648-BA18). This amendment modifies the standards for cooperative formation among participants in the Amendment 80 sector. A final rule to implement Amendment 93 will be implemented shortly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Balsiger".

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

