

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Senator Dan Sullivan  
United States Senate  
111 Russell Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Sullivan:

I am writing on behalf of our Council, following our recent meeting in Sitka, Alaska during which we discussed various legislation, including the implementing legislation for the North Pacific Fisheries Convention (NPFC) which was recently passed out of the Senate Commerce Committee. The legislation was reviewed by the Council's recently formed Legislative Committee, as well as by the Council itself. This version of the NPFC implementing legislation appears very responsive to the concerns raised by our Council, and others, regarding a previous draft from 2014. We fully support this version of the NPFC legislation, and wish to congratulate you and your staff on a job well done.

As drafted, this bill will allow for U.S. ratification of the Convention and will allow our Council, and other relevant parties, to participate meaningfully in the NPFC process consistent with our overall goals and objectives relative to international fisheries issues, as outlined under our Grant Award supporting Council operations.

We deeply appreciate the opportunity to help shape this legislation over the past several months and look forward to working with you on these and other important North Pacific issues.

Sincerely,



Chris Oliver  
Executive Director

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