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Mr. David B. Witherell Executive Director North Pacific Fishery Management Council 605 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 306 Anchorage, AK 99501-2252

Dear Mr. Witherell:

Thank you for your letter informing me that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council has identified its allocation triggers in accordance with the 2016 NMFS Fisheries Allocation Policy.

I appreciate the work you and the Council put into identifying the appropriate triggers for your fisheries. Your new Council policy on allocation review triggers clarifies the process you will follow to ensure your allocations are current. You are well ahead of the requirement to identify triggers by 2019.

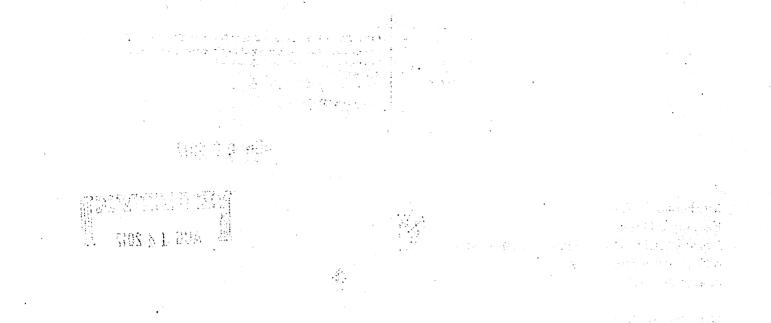
If you have any further questions, please contact Wendy Morrison, NMFS Office of Sustainable Fisheries, at (301) 427-8564.

Sincerely This Oliver

Chris Oliver



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