



# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Balsiger:

Enclosed to begin Secretarial review is a proposed rule to implement regulations to the halibut Catch Sharing Plan and domestic management measures in the waters off Alaska [RIN 0648- BH91]. This action would change the daily bag and possession limits, size restrictions, and carcass retention requirements for Pacific halibut retained by anglers who fish from guided (charter) fishing vessels that operate on the waters of International Pacific Halibut Commission Regulatory Areas 2C (Southeast Alaska) and 3A (Southcentral Alaska).

Chairman Simon Kinneen and I reviewed the draft proposed rule provided by NMFS for the regulatory amendment and determined that it is consistent with the Council's action. Accordingly, please proceed to initiate Secretarial review of this regulatory amendment with the proposed rule enclosed with this letter.

Sincerely,

David Witherell  
Executive Director

Enclosure(s)

cc: Glenn Merrill

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