

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Mr. Daniel McNair Fleet Environmental Director United States Pacific Fleet 250 Makalapa Drive Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3131

Dear Mr. McNair:

In April 2019, the Council received a presentation on the upcoming Northern Edge 2019 joint training exercise in the Gulf of Alaska from Mr. John Mosher from US Pacific Fleet and Lt. Col. Vaughn Brazil from Eleventh Air Force Headquarters. The presentation was very helpful to the Council and the many stakeholders in the fishing industry operating the Gulf of Alaska. The Council appreciates the mitigation measures and adaptive management that are continuing to be utilized throughout the exercises to address concerns from the fishing industry and the different communities in the Gulf of Alaska regarding the impacts of the exercise.

I would like to invite a representative of the unit to present the results of the 2019 training exercise, and plans for any future exercises, at one of our upcoming meetings. We are scheduled to meet in Anchorage, Alaska from December 2-10, 2019 and in Seattle, Washington from January 27-February 3, 2020. If you have any questions or would like to discuss scheduling a presentation at either of these meetings, please contact Jon McCracken at Jon.McCracken@noaa.gov.

Thank you, again, for allowing Mr. Mosher to travel to Anchorage to present an overview of the upcoming Northern Edge 2019 to the Council. We look forward to the continuing dialogue with the Pacific Fleet as the Navy prepares for future Northern Edge training exercises.

Sincerely,

David Witherell Executive Director

cc: John Mosher