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Dear Dr. Balsiger:

Enclosed to begin Secretarial review is a proposed rule to implement Amendment 111 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska Management Area (GOA FMP). This action would reauthorize the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) Rockfish Program and make minor revisions to existing regulations to improve administrative provisions of the Rockfish Program. This action would retain the conservation, management, safety, and economic gains realized under the Rockfish Program.

Chairman 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

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cc: Glenn Merrill

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