



## North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Dear Rear Admiral Moore:

At its June 2022 meeting, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) received presentations on Operation North Pacific Guard and Foreign Military Activity in the Bering Sea and Arctic. The Council recognizes and appreciates the ongoing success of Operation North Pacific Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard 17<sup>th</sup> District's continued mission to serve and safeguard the public, protect the environment and its resources, and defend the nation's interests in the Alaskan maritime region. The Council notes that to effectively protect the environment, it is vital to detect and deter illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activity in the North Pacific and to successfully prevent distribution of IUU seafood products and seafood fraud throughout the supply chain. Operation North Pacific Guard continues to advance the U.S. goals for the conservation and management of high seas fisheries resources and is a critical at-sea enforcement contribution to a multilateral effort by North Pacific Rim nations to eliminate IUU fishing activity from the North Pacific. Nevertheless, the Council trusts that funding for Operation North Pacific Guard does not come at the cost of the continued ongoing mission of the U.S. Coast Guard 17<sup>th</sup> District to serve and safeguard the public, protect the environment and its resources, and defend the Nation's interests in the North Pacific EEZ.

Once again, on behalf of the Council, thank you and all of the hardworking men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard 17<sup>th</sup> District for all that you do to provide for the safety of the fishing fleet and providing enforcement necessary to ensure continued sustainability of the fishery resources off Alaska.

Sincerely,

Simon Kinneen  
Chair