



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Via email: mbahnke@kawerak.org

Dear Ms. Bahnke,

On behalf of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), I would like to thank Kawerak, Inc. for inviting Council members to attend listening sessions in Nome and Unalakleet to learn more and talk with community members about their concerns with Federal fisheries management and ongoing changes in the Norton Sound ecosystem. The Council appreciates Kawerak, Inc.'s willingness to facilitate the meetings on behalf of the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Tribal Consortium (Consortium). The perspectives shared by community members on the importance of salmon, crab, and other subsistence resources to the ways of life, wellbeing, and food security of Alaska Natives was particularly important to Council members. With the support of Tribes and the region's communities, the Council welcomes and looks forward to further collaboration with Kawerak, Inc. and the Consortium on future engagement opportunities.

Sincerely,

Simon Kinneen
Council Chair