



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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John F. Gruver
AFA Inshore Cooperatives
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Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Inshore Chinook Salmon Savings Incentive Plan Agreement

Dear Mr. Gruver:

We have reviewed a proposed amendment to the Inshore Chinook Salmon Savings Incentive Plan Agreement (IPA) you submitted on June 21, 2011. The IPA you are proposing to amend was approved by NMFS on November 5, 2010, under regulations at 50 CFR part 679 for management of Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery.

I have determined that this proposed amendment meets the requirements of § 679.21(f)(12) because a completed application for the amendment was submitted and the IPA as amended is consistent with the requirements of § 679.21(f)(12)(i) through (iv). Therefore, I approve the amended IPA effective today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Balsiger".

James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.
Administrator, Alaska Region

