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Madam Chair and Board of Fish Members:

The following comments give a brief description of the positions that the Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers have on the proposals that are up for consideration at the October 2022 Board of Fish meeting in Anchorage.

AWT recognizes that regulations are developed by the Alaska Boards of Fish and Game through the public process to support management plans. Further, all management plans rely upon public compliance with regulations to achieve success. Enforcement is a crucial element needed to ensure long-term compliance with regulations by the public. The Alaska Wildlife Troopers request the board recognize that the division has limited resources and manpower and any new regulation scheme or area restrictions may place an additional burden on AWT.

Comments on specific proposals are included in this letter.

Thank you for your time,

Aaron Frenzel

Captain Aaron Frenzel
Alaska Wildlife Troopers

Proposal 7: This proposal seeks to amend lawful gear and landing requirements in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area.

AWT supports this proposal that was submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. In addition, AWT suggests adding that a buoy attached to each end of a groundfish pot long line may bear only the number of the vessel operating the gear.