

Comment on substitute language to proposal 161 included in RC055

Principle (1) could be strengthened by reference to Article VIII section 4, e.g.,

- (1) CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 3 OF THE ALASKA STATE CONSTITUTION, conservation of the groundfish resource to ensure sustained yield, which requires that the total allowable catch in any fishery be based upon the biological abundance of the stock;

Similarly, principle (7) could be strengthened by reference to Article VIII section 3, e.g.,

- (7) CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE VIII SECTION 3 OF THE ALASKA STATE CONSTITUTION, provide opportunities for subsistence, sport, commercial and personal use fisheries;

I believe that while this change does not alter the meaning of the language in RC055 it provides a stronger assurance to 3<sup>rd</sup> party sustainability organizations that the groundfish policy is embeds constitutional principles.