Date: 10/3/15
Fisherman: Henry Carlson
Vessel: Ann Marie
Homeport: Cordova

To: Alaska Board of Fisheries

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Date: Oct 2, 2018
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[Signature]
Date: 10-2-2018
Fisherman: Tannor Rodzer
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Paul Saunders
Date: 10-2-18  
Fisherman: Mark Adams  
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