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Alaska Board of Fisheries Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair Via email dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov

Chair Carlson-Van Dort and Board Members:

Trident Seafoods supports the adaptive management program outlined in RC 104.

After consulting with our fleet, we can continue to implement this cooperative program in concert with board adopted regulatory language as outlined in RC 190.

A combination of regulatory tools and a cooperative, fleet-developed chum avoidance program is the best solution for reducing chum harvest in the Area M June fishery. Under this program, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game still maintains full management authority and will have clear management tools in the form of harvest triggers, above and beyond fishermen efforts, to ensure chum harvest remains within historical harvest levels.

Sincerely,

Shannon Carroll

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