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PETER PAN IS ONE OF ALASKA'S **OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING** SEAFOOD COMPANYS.

AFTER **DECADES UNDER FOREIGN OWNERSHIP**, IN 2021 PETER PAN WAS BOUGHT BY US INVESTORS WITH SIGNIFICANT ALASKA PARTICIPATION.

OUR PLANT IN DILLINGHAM EMPLOYES **550 SEASONAL WORKERS** AND WE HAVE ALREADY CONTRACTED WITH **SEVERAL TENDERS** TO SUPPORT HARVESTERS FOR THE 2023 SEASON.

WE ARE IN **SUPPORT OF RC 41** BUT ASK THAT THE BOARD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ONE ADDITIONAL MODIFICATION.

THAT MODIFICATION WOULD BE TO CHANGE THE DATE FROM **JUNE 28 TO JUNE 25**.

WE BELIEVE THAT THIS DATE CHANGE IS :

CONSISTENT WITH THE STATED GOAL OF MANAGING THE FISHERY ON A **FIRST HALF/SECOND HALF BASIS**, AS EVIDENCED BY THE **STAFF DISCUSSION** JUST PRIOR TO THE BREAK, WHICH SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED **JUNE 25 OR JUNE 26 AS THE MID-POINT**;

AND IT IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE STAFF COMMENTS REGARDING THE DEPARTMENTS EXPERISE IN **MANAGING THE SECOND HALF SEASON USING THEIR EXISTING AUTHORITIES**.

THIS IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO PETER PAN, BUT TO THE HARVESTERS WE WORK WITH; A **SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF WHICH ARE LOCAL RESIDENTS**.

THE **ALASKA SEAFOOD BRAND** HAS BEEN BUILT ON A FEW **ICONIC SPECIES**, INCLUDING KING SALMON. FOR **CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS**, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS **VITALLY IMPORTANT** TO USE **SCIENCE AND PRECAUTIONARY MANAGEMENT** MEASURES TO RESTORE THESE FISHERIES.

IN THAT SPIRIT, **WE SUPPORT RC 41 WITH THE RQUESTED DATE CHANGE**.