



RESOLUTION 08-10

REQUESTING THE NPFMC TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THE ADAK FISHERIES, LLC, PROPOSAL UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A FULL ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS IS COMPLETED.

Whereas, the American Fisheries Act was enacted by the Congress of the United States in 1998 with the purpose of rationalizing all sectors of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands pollock industry, including the inshore harvesting and processing sectors; and

Whereas, all sectors of the Bering Sea pollock industry have increased their economic efficiencies under the American Fisheries Act; and

Whereas, it is inequitable to destabilize one of the sectors rationalized by the American Fisheries Act while allowing the other sectors to remain rationalized; and

Whereas, the American Fisheries Act inshore processors have demonstrated the capacity to process a Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands pollock Total Allowable Catch in excess of one and one-half million metric tons; and

Whereas, the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands pollock Total Allowable Catch will be well below one and one-half million metric tons in 2008; and

Whereas, Adak Fisheries LLC applied to the NPFMC for inclusion as an AFA processor when the pollock TAC was above the 1.274 million metric tons; and

Whereas, the pollock Total Allowable Catch in 2008 will also be well below the threshold level at which the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is authorized to consider recommending any additional American Fisheries Act eligible processors; and

Whereas, in October of 2007, Adak Fisheries, LLC, has asked the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to recommend that it be eligible to become an American Fisheries Act eligible processor; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that without the benefit of a full economic and environmental analysis, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is requested not to take a final vote on Adak Fisheries, LLC, proposal at its December 2007 meeting;