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**MEMORANDUM** 

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Regional Administrator, Alaska Regional Office

Subj: NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES RESEARCH FOUNDATION EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP) APPLICATION

- 1. The U.S. Coast Guard Seventeenth District (D17) staff has reviewed the EFP application from the North Pacific Fisheries Research Foundation dated March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 which would waive regulatory requirements associated with salmon bycatch management, closure areas, groundfish total allowable catch limits, and prohibited species catch limits for the summer pollock fishery for three vessels from June 30, 2025, to September 1, 2025.
- 2. The U. S. Coast Guard does not foresee any degradation in safety due to the elements of this EFP application. To facilitate enforcement, please ensure all participating vessels have a physical or electronic copy of the EFP onboard to present to Coast Guard boarding teams. Once identified, please notify the Coast Guard which three vessels will be participating. Coast Guard boarding teams will likely take photos and videos of the gear onboard to ensure it complies with the EFP.
- 3. I do not require further consultation. I look forward to the results of this study.