

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President *(K) for Kelly Cooper*

DATE: February 4, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-014, Supporting The Status Quo Level of Total Constant Exploitation Yield in International Pacific Halibut Commission Area 3A Charter Sector for the 2020 Season (Cooper)

The International Pacific Halibut Commission ("IPHC") Processor Advisory Board is scheduled to meet February 4 – 6, 2020 in Anchorage. The commission is expected to consider changes to current regulations governing the distribution of harvest levels. These changes are expected to significantly negatively impact the Kenai Peninsula tourism market by significantly decreasing the charter sector available catch which creates uncertainty in the market. This is also expected to harm the long liners by reducing their available harvest levels.

This resolution supports maintaining the status quo and requests that the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council conduct a formal Economic Impact Review before implementing any Harvest Level proposal that would result in a reduced allocation of less than 1.66 million pounds for Area 3A's charter sector, including impacts on the charter fleets, the associated tourism economy and tax revenue for the borough.

Your support of this resolution would be appreciated.