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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs\*  
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {Lead}  
Director, Geological Survey  
Director, Minerals Management Service  
Director, National Park Service

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management  
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Proposed Rulemaking to Implement Amendment 48 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and Amendment 48 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (Amendments 48/48)  
**(ER04/579)** (Agency due date: **September 10, 2004**)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has published the subject proposed rule in the *Federal Register* dated **July 27, 2004**. You may access the proposed rulemaking on the Internet at: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html).

Please review the proposed rulemaking from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, in Anchorage, Alaska by **August 27, 2004**.

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare and sign any Departmental comment so as to arrive at NMFS in Juneau, Alaska by **September 10, 2004**. If there are intra-Departmental conflicts, the Regional Director will request the Regional Environmental Officer in Anchorage, Alaska to assist in their resolution. It is also requested that this office be furnished a copy of the comments.

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the RD, FWS.

A related review is under: ER 04/542 (Amendment 48/48).

/s/ 8/5/04  
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