

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

GROUND FISH FORUM, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES  
SERVICE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:23-cv-00283-JMK

**[PROPOSED] ORDER  
GRANTING MOTION TO  
INTERVENE**

Now before the court is the Motion to Intervene (“Motion”) and supporting papers filed by the Central Bering Sea Fishermen’s Association; City of Saint Paul, Alaska; Alaska Longline Fishermen’s Association; Fishing Vessel Owners’ Association; Homer Charter Association; The Boat Company; Petersburg Vessel Owners’ Association; Alaska Marine Conservation Council; Halibut Association of North America; North Pacific Fisheries Association; Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government; and the Seafood Producers Cooperative (collectively, “Movants”).

Based on the Court’s review of the Motion, and the entire record before the Court, Movants are granted leave to intervene as of right in this action under Rule 24(a). Movants have established that (1) they have a significant protectable interest relating to Amendment 123 and its halibut bycatch reductions, which is the subject of this action; (2) the disposition of the action

may, as a practical matter, impair or impede their ability to protect their interest; (3) the application is timely; and (4) the existing parties may not adequately represent Movants' interest. *See Chamness v. Bowen*, 722 F.3d 1110, 1121 (9th Cir. 2013).

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the Motion is GRANTED and the Proposed Answer shall be filed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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JOSHUA M. KINDRED  
United States District Judge