

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON
SEABIRD AVOIDANCE REGULATIONS

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment, specifically, Appendix A pertaining to the Draft Seabird Avoidance Regulations. The EC generally supports the draft regulations, as nearly identical regulations have proven to be effective in Alaska fisheries. However, the EC has one recommendation, which is to ensure that measurements used within the regulations be conveyed consistently in feet, rounded to the nearest foot. The draft regulations use meters converted into feet, or vice versa, with conversions often resulting in fractions of feet or meters. This has the potential to result in confusion by both harvesters and enforcement officers. The EC believes slight alterations to the measurements to round them to the nearest foot would not have an adverse impact on the intent of the regulations.

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