Communication Subcommittee minutes SEATTLE September 27, 2023

The communication subcommittee met including: Jerry Dzugan – Subcommittee Chairman Tom Dameron – Scribe Barb Hewlett- member Kris Boehmer- member **USCG** Commander Nicole Auth USCG Walter Hopper USCG D7 Miami USCG roving advisor – Mr. Joseph Myers NIOSH Samantha Case, PhD. NOAA Observer Program Ken Keene,

to discuss and work on tasks #11-23, #10-23, and #13-23 and agreed for these tasks:

MOTIONS

Task Statement #11–23: Recommend the USCG continue the development of a publicly accessible website as required by CG Auth Act 2022 Sec 11322 that contains all information related to fishing industry activities. The publicly accessible website should have a button at the bottom of each page to provide suggestions or feedback to improve this page. This website should be available to the full committee for suggestions on improvements for 6 weeks prior to the site going live. Additionally, we encourage the CG to measure the analytics and usage rates for ongoing development of the website, so it is a more useful resource for fisherman.

Task Statement #10–23: Recommend the USCG CVC-3 use it's FVS examiner network, fishing journals and other internet and printed materials to promote the USCG website as a resource for commercial fishermen.

Task Statement #13-23: Recommend the USCG encourage the availability of FCC approved Personal Location Beacons at reduced cost through grants or funding through such as the USCG/NIOSH research and training grants, Alaska CDQ programs, Sea Grant Regions, local fishing organizations and/or other non-profits or entities.