



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

September 20, 2018

Mary Boggs
Operations Manager
Gulf Mist, Inc.
3900 Railway Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Re: Fishing Vessel Alaska Mist – FCC File # 0008070767

Dear Sir(s)/Madam(s):

On January 22, 2018, you filed the above-referenced application seeking an exemption from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for the above-referenced fishing vessel, which would exempt it from compliance with certain radio equipment requirements mandated by the FCC's part 80, subpart W regulations implementing the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). We grant the exemption, as conditioned below.

In consultation with the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard), we have determined that the public interest in promoting maritime safety requires that the subject vessel, as well as other fishing vessels with pending exemption requests, be fitted with the full complement of GMDSS equipment by a date certain. We and the Coast Guard believe that the additional compliance costs are outweighed by the benefits to vessel safety of carrying all radio equipment required by the GMDSS and the FCC's implementing part 80, subpart W rules. Providing the same termination date for all current fishing vessel exemptions will avoid confusion and facilitate enforcement of these requirements.

We therefore are granting the requested exemption until January 31, 2021, and providing notice that we will not further renew or extend the exemption absent extraordinary circumstances. *Accordingly, the vessel is required to carry the full complement of GMDSS radio equipment mandated under the FCC's rules beginning February 1, 2021.* You should begin budgeting and otherwise planning to meet these equipment carriage requirements. A failure to comply with these requirements beginning February 1, 2021 would put operation of the vessel out of compliance with the Commission's rules, and could result in enforcement action, including but not limited to monetary penalties, as specified in the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Ghassan Khalek of the FCC, at 202-418-2771 or at ghassan.khalek@fcc.gov.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Stone", is positioned above the typed name and title.

Scott Stone,
Deputy Chief, Mobility Division
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