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Dear Dr. Sugihara:

Two referee reports and advice from an associate editor are in on your manuscript with Hao Ye and Keith Criddle entitled, "Comprehensive Incentives for Reducing Chinook Salmon Bycatch in the Bering Sea Pollock Fleet: Individual Tradable Encounter Credits" (MS #10-41-1). The reviews are fairly critical, and the referees have outlined several areas of concern for your consideration.

In a letter directed to me, the associate editor writes:

Both reviewers agree that the paper seems to be more of a description of a policy proposal and it lacks a formal economic model and analysis to support the claims made in the paper. Furthermore the exposition is poor and what analysis is done lacks transparency. The paper is also far too long and lacks a good literature review.

Given the nature and number of the criticisms, the advice from the associate editor, and my own evaluation of the submission, I must reject this work in its current form. However, if you can *completely* address the concerns outlined in the attached reports, I will consider a revision. In my estimation, extensive effort will be required.

If you choose to revise and resubmit, on separate sheets respond to each comment, stating specifically how your paper has changed as a result or provide a convincing rebuttal as to why it has not. This is done since the referees will have an opportunity to reevaluate your work. Note that it will be quite difficult to satisfy these referees, so please carefully consider the feasibility of undertaking a revision.

Attached is a copy of the journal's Revision Guidelines which should be adhered to carefully in order to ensure compliance with *MRE*'s format.

Please keep me informed as to your intentions, and thanks again for the submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. L. Anderson", with a long, sweeping underline.

James L. Anderson
Editor

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Attachments: referee reports; revision guidelines

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