February 27, 2013

Trident Affiliated Crab Harvesting Corporation
Attn: Christian Assay
5303 Shilshole Ave NE
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Dear Mr. Assay:

At its February meeting in Portland, the Council addressed several issues related to BSAI crab fisheries. Among the items considered by the Council was a staff discussion paper concerning the use of cooperative implemented measures to facilitate quota share holdings by vessel owners and crewmembers in the crab fisheries and to address high lease rates and crew compensation issues. The Council elected to take no regulatory action at this time, in large part due to representations of cooperative representatives that voluntary measures currently being implemented by the cooperatives could effectively address the concerns which have been repeatedly articulated to the Council.

To assess the success of those efforts, the Council requests that each of the BSAI crab rationalization cooperatives voluntarily provide an annual report detailing measures the cooperative is taking to facilitate the transfer of quota share to active participants (including crew members and vessel owners) and available measures it is taking to address high lease rates and crew compensation. The annual reports should convey to the Council the effectiveness of the measures implemented through the cooperative and the estimated level of member participation in any voluntary measures, and include appropriate supporting information or data in that regard. The Council intends to schedule time during its October meeting each year for cooperatives to present any reports that they may wish to provide, beginning this October 2013. Based on feedback from the cooperatives the Council may determine whether to revisit these issues in the context of regulatory remedies.

Please let us know, through our Executive Director Chris Oliver, if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Eric Olson
Chairman

CC: Mark Gleason
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