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Mr. Simon Kinneen, Chairman  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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RE: Voluntary Crab Harvesters Report

Dear Chairman Kinneen;

During the February 2013 meeting the Council passed the following motion:

*“The Council requests that each of the BSAI crab rationalization cooperatives voluntarily provide an annual report detailing measure the cooperative is taking to facilitate the transfer of quota share to active participants, including crew members and vessel owners, and available measures which affect high lease rates and crew compensation. The annual reports should convey to the Council the effectiveness of the measures implemented through the cooperatives and the estimated level of member participation in any voluntary measures and include supporting information and data. These reports are requested to be delivered for the October meeting each year.”*

These reports are on the agenda for the April Council meeting. The following is the 2019-2020 season report on behalf of CPH Association..

CPH Association, (“CPH”) is a smaller unaffiliated crab cooperative with 25 members and 5 harvesting vessels.

The following is in response to the seven questions outlined in the Council’s February 2013 motion.

1. What measures is the cooperative taking to facilitate the transfer of quota share to active participants, including crewmembers and vessel owners?

The CPH membership is supportive of transferring quota share to active participants. When quota share becomes available for sale, members communicate with one another and given the opportunity to purchase.

2. What is the level of participation from cooperative members regarding these measures?

All members of CPH cooperative are voluntarily adhering to these measures.

3. How effective have these measures been?

We believe it has been very effective. Although we have not had any quota shares available for sale this past year, in previous years all but one sale of quota share was made to members of CPH who are active in Alaska fisheries and all but one of those purchasers are active in the BSAI crab fishery.

4. What measures is the cooperative utilizing to address the issue of high lease rates, as they affect crew compensation?

Our membership has been made aware of the Council's *interest in lease rates and this topic* is an important one. As a result of a voluntary industry effort over the past few years, the following lease rates have become more of the standard, 50% for BSS, 65% for BBR and 30% for EBT/WBT. It is my understanding that most of our harvesting vessels pay the standard lease rates.

5. *What is the level of participation from the cooperative members regarding these measures?*

Please refer to response in question #4

6. *How effective have these measures been?*

Please refer to response in question #4

7. *What future measures does the cooperative plan to take to address the Council concerns over active participation and lease rates as they affect crew compensation?*

CPH will continue to encourage our members who are selling quota share to give preference to active participants in the fishery. CPH will also continue to encourage members to adhere to the standard lease rates being mindful of how it affects crew compensation.

Sincerely,

CPH Association

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