# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNISEA FLEET COOPERATIVE YEAR 2023

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#### INTRODUCTION

UniSea Fleet Cooperative (UFC) is pleased to submit this document and results of their 2023 Bering Sea fishery to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) in compliance with annual reporting requirements of the 1998 American Fisheries Act (AFA).

The 2023 fishing season was the twenty-third year of UFC operations under the AFA. The UniSea fleet was managed and operated during 2023 following the successful model established during the preceding 2000-2022 fisheries - basically without change. This document format and exhibits herein reporting UFC co-op members, management, allocations, catches, sideboard limits, prohibited species catches and enforcement is also consistent with UFC's earlier years reporting to the NPFMC. This report meets AFA reporting requirements and provides easy comparison to the prior year results.

#### UNISEA FLEET MEMBER VESSELS AND CO-OP MANAGEMENT

There were no vessel management changes in 2023 compared to 2022. Eight individual members of the UFC representing 12 catcher vessels signed their Coop Membership Agreement, which enabled them to operate under the laws of the AFA in a fishing cooperative delivering pollock to UniSea Inc. during the 2023 fishing season (Attachment 1, UniSea Fleet Cooperative Membership Agreement for 2023 dated 11/7/22, and Pollock Harvest Schedule). The F/V Mar Gun did not fish in the Bering Sea in 2023. The 2023 member vessels and their owners are listed below:

Annual Report of the UniSea Fleet Cooperative Year 2023 George Hall, General Manager, Rondy's, Inc.

• F/V Alsea 124 ft LOA

• F/V Argosy 124 ft LOA

Jeff Hendricks, Manager, Auriga/Aurora General Partnership

• F/V Auriga 193 ft LOA

• F/V Aurora 193 ft LOA

Jonathan D.X. Towne, Managing Member, Dona Martita, LLC

• F/V Defender 195 ft LOA

Chris Swasand, F/V Nordic Star LLC

• F/V Nordic Star 123 ft LOA

Gunnar Ildhuso, Jr., Margun Enterprises, LLC

• F/V Mar-Gun 112 ft LOA

Fred Yeck, President, FY Fisheries, Inc.

• F/V Sea Dawn 124 ft LOA

Rick Mezich, President, F/V Starfish, LLC.

• F/V Starfish 123 ft LOA

Jeff Kauffman, President, Starlite Fisheries, LLC.

• F/V Starlite 123 ft LOA

Jeff Kauffman, President, Starward Fisheries, LLC.

• F/V Starward 123 ft LOA

Rick Mezich, President, Fierce Allegiance, LLC.

• F/V Fierce Allegiance 167 ft LOA

Co-op management and administration continued during 2023 and remained similar to the prior co-op years (Exhibit 1). Coordination of information on allocations, transfers, pollock catches, sideboard catches and prohibited species catches between the UniSea plant in Dutch Harbor, the member vessels, Sea State, the Inter Co-op Manager and the National Marine Fisheries Service all continued during 2023 as established in year 2000 and as conducted in 2001-2022.

#### UFC BERING SEA POLLOCK ALLOCATION TRANSFERS AND CATCH

UFC 2023 pollock allocation represented 9.484% of the total Bering Sea final directed pollock allocation and 22.094% of the inshore sector allocation. Exhibit 2 shows the distribution of final 2023 pollock allocations between the seven inshore pollock cooperatives. UFC's allocation of 22.094% of the inshore sector allocation ranked UFC as the second largest inshore co-op. In 2023, UFC's 12 member vessels received a final AFA Bering Sea pollock allocation that totaled 125,119.5 mt (Exhibit 3). Each of the 12 UFC vessel's final pollock allocations are identified in Exhibit 3 showing their respective tonnage and each vessel's percentage of the UFC total allocation.

Exhibit 4 reports the final 2023 Bering Sea pollock allocations for each of the remaining and active 11 vessels in the UniSea fleet during the 2023 season after in-season transfers of pollock allocations between member vessels. One member vessel (*Mar Gun*) transferred all of her 2023 pollock quota to other UFC member vessels.

Exhibit 5 provides UFC Bering Sea pollock catches that occurred during the 2023 season relative to final allocations after all co-op transfers. The UFC directed Bering Sea pollock catch totaled 125,075.633 mt, which was 43.906 mt less than the final allocation. This catch equated to 99.96% utilization of the final 2023 Bering Sea pollock allocation.

The AFA cooperative agreements require that co-op member vessels deliver at least 90% of the co-op's Bering Sea pollock catch to their cooperative processor. During 2023, UFC member vessels deliveries were greater than 90% of all directed pollock deliveries by UFC member vessels, in keeping with AFA requirements. No pollock caught during UFC operations in 2023 was landed outside of Alaska.

Bycatch of other groundfish, herring, halibut, crab and salmon from the directed Bering Sea pollock fishery is detailed by member vessel in Exhibit 6. Pollock represented 99.59 % of the total catch of pollock plus all other groundfish in the directed pollock fishery.

Vessel-level detail of salmon bycatch in the directed Bering Sea pollock fishery is reported for UFC in 2023 to meet current reporting requirements under Amendment 110. Specifically, Exhibit 6 summarizes the seasonal (A and B) catches of Chinook and chum salmon (other salmon). Salmon bycatch measures were in effect under Amendment 110 continuing in 2023, which was implemented to improve the management of Chinook and chum salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery by creating a comprehensive salmon bycatch avoidance program, and UFC salmon bycatch was covered under the inshore Salmon Savings Incentive Plan Agreement (SSIP).

#### SIDEBOARD LIMITATIONS, ALLOCATIONS AND CATCHES

The laws of the AFA place limits on AFA qualified catcher vessels whereby their harvest of groundfish other than Bering Sea pollock is limited to historic levels. Halibut bycatch (PSC) is also limited through the co-op sideboard allocations. By AFA definition, all catch of groundfish sideboard species made by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels, whether as targeted catch or incidental catch, are to be deducted from the sideboard limits. These are reported in the final harvest specifications and are intended to be a cap on all catches of these species.

Past UFC annual AFA pollock reports have provided details of sideboard allocation, transfers, catch and management (one table with details of BSAI sideboards and one table with details for GOA). Recent regulations detailed in the Federal Register (FR84 2723) are in effect since prior year's report. Referencing those changes -"Rather than continue the annual process of calculating all sideboard limits and then closing most of the groundfish species with sideboard limits to directed fishing, the first action of this rule revises regulations to prohibit directed fishing by non-exempt AFA Program and CR Program vessels for those groundfish species and species groups subject to sideboard limits that have not been opened to directed fishing and that are not expected to be opened to directed fishing in the foreseeable future. Also, NMFS will now cease calculating and publishing each year the relevant sideboard limits subject to this final rule and their corresponding directed fishing prohibitions in the BSAI and GOA groundfish harvest specifications." Under these continuing provisions adopted by NMFS, total catches of all species (including sideboard species) for UFC in 2023 are provided in Exhibit 11.

#### DIRECTED BERING SEA COD AND GULF POLLOCK FISHERY

UFC member vessels conducted a small directed Bering Sea cod fishery within UFC allocation (2,224 mt) during 2023. This fishery was conducted by four member vessels and yielded a harvest of 1,796 mt (Exhibit 7). UFC member vessels did not conduct a directed fishery for Gulf of Alaska pollock, and they did not conduct directed fisheries for yellowfin sole or rock sole.

Bycatch of other groundfish, halibut, herring, crab and salmon in the UFC directed Bering Sea cod fishery is detailed in Exhibit 8. Cod comprised 95.5% of the total groundfish catch in UFC's 2023 directed Bering Sea cod fishery.

As earlier noted, UFC member vessels did not fish Gulf of Alaska pollock in 2023 and there were no GOA pollock transfers in or out of UFC (Exhibit 9).

#### UFC PROHIBITED SPECIES AND ALL GROUNDFISH CATCH TOTALS

UFC member vessel total prohibited species catches of halibut, herring, Bristol Bay red king crab, *bairdi* Tanner crab, other Tanner crab, chinook salmon and other salmon from all directed Bering Sea pollock and cod fisheries are provided in Exhibit 10. UFC member vessels' total catch (landings and discards) for all BSAI sideboard species by area and vessel is shown in Exhibit 11.

#### UFC MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

All UFC directed Bering Sea pollock and cod catches, as well as sideboard catches and the halibut PSC were successfully managed and did not exceed allocations. The co-op was accordingly not required to take any enforcement actions.

Exhibit 1. Schematic of UniSea Fleet Cooperative Operations, 2023.

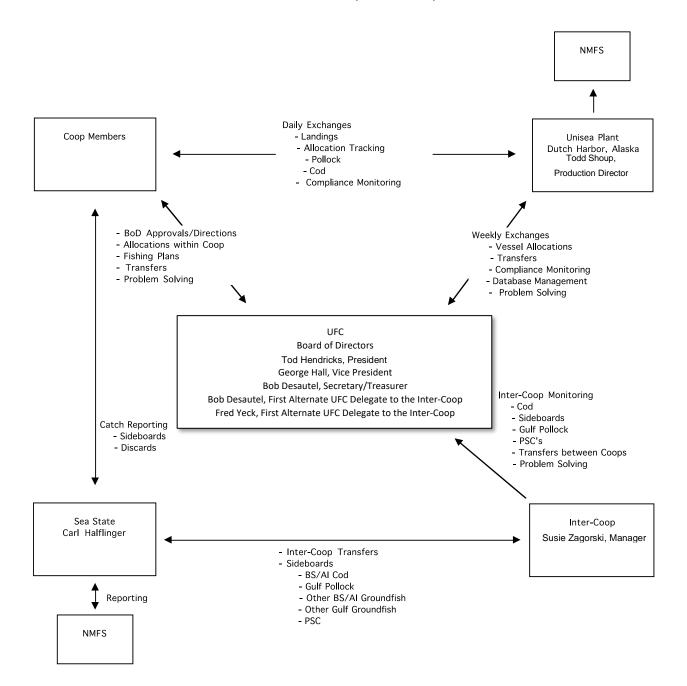


Exhibit 2. Percent distribution of 2023 Bering Sea "inshore pollock allocation" between the seven inshore AFA pollock cooperatives.

#### **Bering Sea Inshore Pollock Co-op 2023 Allocation**

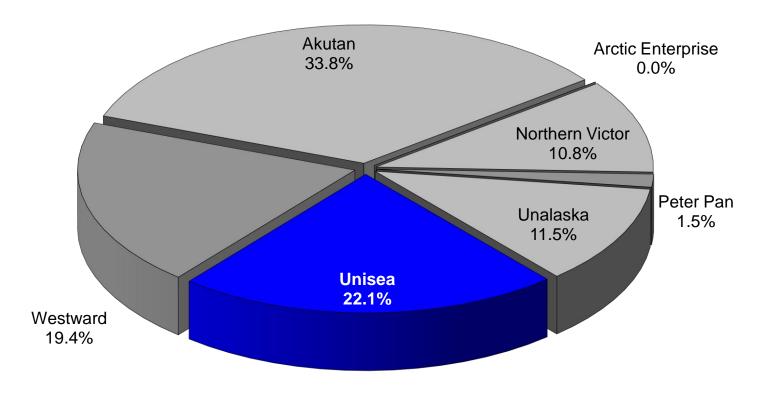


Exhibit 3. UniSea Fleet Cooperative member vessel initial pollock allocations expressed as a percentage of the co-op total, as a percentage of the Bering Sea directed inshore pollock fishery, and in metric tons for 2023.

Boat	% Co-op Allocation*	Pollock Allocations % Directed Inshore Pollock Fishery	Annual Allocation (MT)
Alsea	8.126%	1.795%	10,167.752
Argosy	7.977%	1.763%	9,981.225
Auriga	15.135%	3.344%	18,936.552
Aurora	15.139%	3.345%	18,941.306
Defender	15.761%	3.482%	19,719.888
Fierce Allegiance	4.244%	0.938%	5,310.091
MarGun	0.472%	0.104%	590.679
Nordic Star	6.272%	1.386%	7,847.800
Starfish	9.235%	2.040%	11,554.753
Starlite	5.545%	1.225%	6,938.398
Starward	5.708%	1.261%	7,141.755
Seadawn	6.385%	1.411%	7,989.341
UFC Total	100.000%	22.094%	125,119.539

<sup>\*</sup> Some totals are rounded. Allocations from updated, signed Unisea harvest schedules.

Exhibit 4. UniSea Fleet Cooperative member vessel final Bering Sea directed pollock allocations for 2023 after co-op transfers.

Boat	Initial Pollock Allocation (MT)	Within Co-op Net Transfer In & Out (MT)	Final Pollock Allocation (MT)
Alsea	10,167.752	-94.907	10,072.844
Argosy	9,981.225	+691.685	10,672.911
Auriga	18,936.552	+197.357	19,133.909
Aurora	18,941.306	-197.357	18,743.949
Defender	19,719.888	0.000	19,719.888
Fierce Allegiance	5,310.091	+2,927.988	8,238.079
MarGun	590.679	-590.678	0.000
Nordic Star	7,847.800	-7.251	7,840.549
Starfish	11,554.753	-2,929.843	8,624.909
Starlite	6,938.398	-12.505	6,925.893
Starward	7,141.755	+14.360	7,156.115
Seadawn	7,989.341	+1.151	7,990.492
UFC Total	125,119.539	0.000	125,119.539

Exhibit 5. Comparison of UniSea Fleet Cooperative member vessels directed Bering Sea pollock catches with final allocations, 2023.

Boat	Final Pollock Allocation (MT)	Directed Bering Sea Pollock Catch by Vessel (MT)	Difference Over (+) Under (-)
Alsea	10,072.844	10,072.844	0.000
Argosy	10,672.911	10,672.911	0.000
Auriga	19,133.909	19,133.909	0.000
Aurora	18,743.949	18,712.567	-31.381
Defender*	19,719.888	19,719.887 *	0.000
Fierce Allegiance	8,238.079	8,231.156	-6.923
MarGun	0.000	0.000	0.000
Nordic Star	7,840.549	7,834.951	-5.598
Starfish	8,624.909	8,624.907	-0.003
Starlite	6,925.893	6,925.893	0.000
Starward	7,156.115	7,156.115	0.000
Seadawn	7,990.492	7,990.492	0.000
UFC Total	125,119.539	125,075.633	-43.906

Pollock catch totals are from Seastate.

<sup>\*</sup> Directed catch includes Defender-GS ("new" Defender) catch and Amendment 69 contractual fishing amounts as reported by the Co-op, delivered by one non-UFC vessel (F/V Pacific Prince).

Exhibit 6. Directed pollock catch, bycatch of other groundfish and PSC's in the directed pollock fishery for the UniSea Fleet Cooperative member vessels, 2023.

	Directed Bering Sea	Other Groundfish	Halibut	Herring	Red King	<i>bairdi</i> Tanner	Other Tanner	A Se Chinook	ason Other	B S Chinook	eason Other
Boat	Pollock Catch (MT)	Catch (MT)	Mortality (MT)	Catch (MT)	Crab (#)	Crab (#)	Crab (#)	Salmon (#)	Salmon (#)	Salmon (#)	Salmon (#)
Alsea	10,072.844	24.21	0.03	1.48	0	0	0	166	5	13	314
Argosy	10,672.911	29.44	0.08	1.38	0	0	0	81	3	1	470
Auriga	19,133.909	57.19	0.31	16.29	0	0	0	151	4	10	997
Aurora	18,712.567	73.18	0.33	7.80	0	0	0	194	2	11	477
Defender*	19,719.887	66.27	0.36	3.77	0	0	0	273	6	6	262
Fierce Allegiance	8,231.156	41.95	0.00	2.03	0	0	0	80	2	0	78
MarGun	0.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nordic Star	7,834.951	37.53	0.04	12.24	0	1	0	68	0	10	599
Starfish	8,624.907	56.26	0.07	59.76	0	0	0	81	0	12	693
Starlite	6,925.893	40.96	0.05	1.92	0	0	0	94	0	8	233
Starward	7,156.115	51.03	0.00	34.21	0	0	0	75	1	5	367
Seadawn	7,990.492	42.14	0.26	3.92	0	0	0	32	0	4	1,343
UFC Total	125,075.633	520.16	2	145	0	1	0	1,295	23	80	5,833

Directed pollock catch totals, PSCs and Other Groundfish are from Seastate.

<sup>\*</sup> Catches from Amendment 69 contractual fishing by one non UFC vessel is included in F/V Defender vessel totals.

Exhibit 7. Comparison of UniSea Fleet Cooperative member vessels directed Bering Sea Pacific cod catches with final allocations, 2023.

Boat	Total Co-op Cod Allocation (MT)	UFC Transfers In(+), Out(-) (MT)	UFC Final Cod Allocation (MT)	Directed Bering Sea Cod Catch (MT)	Difference Over (+) Under (-) (MT)
Alsea	173	-112	61	0	-61
Argosy	190	0	190	0	-190
Auriga	20	0	20	0	-20
Aurora	20	0	20	0	-20
Defender	8	-8	0	0	0
Fierce Allegiance	96	-91	5	0	-5
GunMar	0	0	0	0	0
Nordic Star	452	63	515	494	-21
Starfish	226	242	468	457	-10
Starlite	223	-169	55	0	-55
Starward	411	18	430	410	-19
Seadawn	405	49	453	435	-19
UFC Total	2,224	-8 *	2,216	1,796	-420

Note: Catch totals are from Seastate data.

<sup>\*</sup> One transfer of approximately 8 mt to outside vessel

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Exhibit 8. Directed Pacific cod fishing catch and bycatch for the UniSea Fleet Cooperative member vessels, 2023.

Boat	Directed Bering Sea Pacific cod Catch (MT)	Other Groundfish Catch (MT)	Halibut Mortality (MT)	Herring Catch (MT)	Red King Crab (#)	<i>bairdi</i> Tanner Crab (#)	Other Tanner Crab (#)	Chinook Salmon (#)	Other Salmon (#)
Alsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Argosy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auriga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aurora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fierce Allegiance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GunMar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nordic Star	494	19	2	0	0	7	0	9	0
Starfish	457	17	4	0	0	22	0	26	0
Starlite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Starward	410	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seadawn	435	19	4	0	0	21	0	25	0
UFC Total	1,796	84	10	0	0	50	0	59	0

Note: Catch and PSC totals are from Seastate data.

<sup>\*</sup> Some totals are rounded to nearest metric ton or number of animals.

Exhibit 9. Transfers of UniSea Fleet Cooperative Gulf of Alaska pollock sideboard limits to other catcher vessel co-ops, 2023.

Gulf Area/Season	Transfers To	Transfer Amount (MT)					
NO TRANS	SFERS OF GOA POLLC	OCK					
Total GOA Transfers 0							

Exhibit 10. UniSea Fleet Cooperative vessel-by-vessel prohibited species catch, 2023.

Boat	Halibut Mortality (MT)	Herring Catch (MT)	Red King Crab (#)	<i>bairdi</i> Tanner Crab (#)	Other Tanner Crab (#)	Chinook Salmon (#)	Other Salmon (#)
Alsea	0	1	0	0	0	179	319
Argosy	0	1	0	0	0	82	473
Auriga	0	16	0	0	0	161	1,001
Aurora	0	8	0	0	0	205	479
Defender	0	4	0	0	0	279	268
Fierce Allegiance	0	2	0	0	0	80	80
GunMar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nordic Star	2	12	0	8	0	87	599
Starfish	4	60	0	22	0	119	693
Starlite	0	2	0	0	0	102	233
Starward	1	34	0	0	0	80	368
Seadawn	4	4	0	21	0	61	1,343
UFC Total	11	145	0	51	0	1,434	5,856

<sup>\*</sup> Some totals are rounded to nearest metric ton or number of animals. Note: PSC totals are from Seastate data.

Exhibit 11. UniSea Fleet Cooperative vessel-by-vessel sideboard species catch (landed and discarded mt), 2023.

	Groundfish Spp/Area	Alsea	Argosy	Auriga	Aurora	Defender*	Fierce Alleg.	Mar-Gun	Nordic Star	Starfish	Starlite	Starward	Seadawn	UFC Total
	P Cod	19	19	31	38	45	26	0	518	475	23	430	462	2,085
	Flathead Sole	1	1	4	4	7	2	0	4	4	3	13	4	47
	Rock Sole	0	1	1	3	5	2	0	2	2	1	6	2	23
	BS POP	1	2	11	13	1	0	0	1	30	12	6	0	78
	Arrowtooth	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	14
	Other Flats	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	7
l _	BS/541 Atka Mackerel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catch	Yellowfin Sole	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
చ	BS Sablefish	0	1	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
anded	BS Other Rockfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
an-	Alaska Plaice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-	Greenland Turbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shortraker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Northern Rockfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Squid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AI Other Rockfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AI POP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rougheye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	117	Alsea	Argosy	Auriga	Aurora	Defender*	Fierce Alleg.	Mar-Gun	Nordic Star	Starfish	Starlite	Starward	Seadawn	UFC Total
	P Cod	0	0		_		1	0	1	1	0		0	3
	Flathead Sole	0	0		_		0			1	0		1	4
	Rock Sole	0	0	0			0		3	2	0	2	2	10
	BS POP	0	0				3						0	3
	Arrowtooth	0	0				0			0			1	2
	Other Flats	0	0				0			1	0		1	4
5	BS/541 Atka Mackerel	0	0	•			0	0	0	0	0			0
Catch	Yellowfin Sole	0	0				0		0	0				_
pe (	BS Sablefish	0	0				1	0					0	_
Discarded	BS Other Rockfish	0	0				0		0	0	0			0
isce	Alaska Plaice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Greenland Turbot	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shortraker	0	0	0	_	_	0		_	0	0		_	0
	Northern Rockfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
	Squid	0	0				0			0	0			0
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	AI Other Rockfish	U												
	Al POP	0	0			_	0			0				0

Note: some totals are rounded

Total landings and discards of BSAI sideboard species by vessel are provided by Seastate and represent all directed or incidental catch (both landings and discards) taken in all UFC fishing. Yellowfin sole is shown but is not a sideboard species.

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<sup>\*</sup> Includes catches from one vessel during Amendment 69 contract fishing.

#### ATTACHMENT 1

UFC MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT 2023 ADDENDUM

#### UNISEA FLEET COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT 2023 ADDENDUM

Each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that the terms and conditions of the UniSea Fleet Cooperative Amended and Restated Membership Agreement dated as of September 24, 2010, as amended by a First Amendment to Amended and Restated Membership Agreement dated as of January 4, 2011, Second Amendment dated February 4, 2016, and Membership Agreement Addenda dated as of November 16, 2010, and November 9, 2011 (collectively, the "Membership Agreement"), is in full force and effect, and binds the undersigned for the year 2023, and that the Exhibit A attached hereto replaces in its entirety the existing Exhibit A to the Membership Agreement.

Each of the undersigned hereby certifies that each of its member vessels as identified on the attached Exhibit A: (i) is a "qualified catcher vessel" within the meaning of 50 CFR 679.4(6)(ii)(D); (ii) delivered more pollock to UniSea, Inc. than to any other AFA inshore processor or stationary floating processor in the last year in which the vessel engaged in directed fishing for pollock in the BSAI for delivery to the inshore sector; (iii) is otherwise eligible to fish for groundfish in the BSAI; (iv) has an AFA catcher vessel permit with an inshore endorsement; (v) has no permit sanctions or other type of sanctions against it that would prevent it from fishing for groundfish in the BSAI; and (vi) is named on a valid LLP permit authorizing the vessel to engage in trawling for pollock in the Bering Sea.

Each of the undersigned further certifies that (a) at least 80 percent of the owners of the qualified catcher vessels are parties to the Membership Agreement; and (b) that the Membership Agreement requires that the Cooperative deliver at least 90% of its BSAI Pollock catch to its designated AFA processor.

The cooperative's designated representative within the meaning of 50 CFR 679.61(c) is Duncan R. McIntosh. The cooperative's registered agent for service of process is Mundt MacGregor L.L.P., 271 Wyatt Way NE, Suite 106, Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110-2873.

Dated effective as of November 7, 2022.

RONDYS, INC.	AURIGA/AURORA GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
By:	By:
Name: George Hall	Name: Jeff Hendricks
Title: Authorized Representative	Title: Manager

	By: R&B Fisheries, Inc.
	Its: Manager
Ву:	By:
Name: Robert Desautel	Name: Rick Mezich
Title: Managing Member	Title: President
MARGUN ENTERPRISES LLC	F/V NORDIC STAR LLC
By: Ildhuso Management LLC	By: Aleutian Spray Fisheries, Inc.
Its: Manager	Its: Managing Member
Ву	By:
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By:	
Name: Jeff Hendricks	

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DONA MARTITA LLC

Title President

# UNISEA FLEET COOPERATIVE <u>EXHIBIT A</u> TO 2023 ADDENDUM

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Aurora/Auriga General Partnership	AURIGA – ON 639547 AURORA – ON 636919	15.1347% 15.1388%
Dona Martita LLC	DEFENDER – ON 554030	15.7608%
Fierce Allegiance LLC	FIERCE ALLEGIANCE ON 588849	4.2441%
Margun Enterprises LLC	MARGUN – ON 1283312	0.4721%

MEMBER	VESSEL(S)	PERCENTAGE OF "ALLOCATION"
F/V Nordic Star LLC	NORDIC STAR – ON 584684	6.2721%
F/V Starfish, LLC	STARFISH – ON 561651	9.2350%
Seadawn, LLC	SEADAWN – ON 548685	6.3854%
Starlite Fisheries, LLC	STARLITE - ON 597065	5.5454%
Starward Fisheries, LLC	STARWARD - ON 617807	5.7079%
Total		100.000%



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December 2, 2022

Mr. David Witherell Executive Director North Pacific Fishery Management Council 605 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 306 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252

SENT VIA E-MAIL

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Re:

UniSea Fleet Cooperative - Annual Contract Filing

Dear David:

Pursuant to 50 CFR 679.61(d) we enclose copies of the following documents for the UniSea Fleet Cooperative:

- 1. Agreement to Process (2023) dated as of November 8, 2022, executed by UniSea, Inc.; and
- 2. 2023 Addendum to Membership Agreement signed by the cooperative and the members of the cooperative.

The Amended and Restated Membership Agreement previously filed with the Council and NOAA Fisheries remains in effect for the year 2023. There have been no material modifications to that agreement since it was last filed with the Council and NOAA Fisheries, and no changes in the membership of the Cooperative since last year's filing, except that Seadawn, LLC replaced FY Fisheries, Inc. as a member of the cooperative and as owner of the vessel SEADAWN, as reflected in the attached Assignment and Assumption Agreement dated April 7, 2022. This was essentially a matter of internal corporate housekeeping with little or no change in ultimate effective ownership.



Mr. David Witherell North Pacific Fishery Management Council December 2, 2022 Page 2

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

MUNDT MacGREGOR L.L.P.

Junean R. McIntosh

**Enclosures** 

cc: Mr. Tod Hendricks (w/encl. - via email)

Ms. Shannon Gleason (w/encl. - via email)

### AGREEMENT TO PROCESS (2023)

This AGREEMENT TO PROCESS is entered into as of November 8, 2022, by UNISEA, INC., a Washington corporation ("UniSea"), with reference to the following facts:

- A. The American Fisheries Act (the "<u>AFA</u>") authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to reserve portions of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands ("<u>BSAI</u>") pollock inshore directed fishing allowance for harvesting by members of qualifying fishery cooperatives.
- B. Under the AFA, a contract implementing a qualifying fishery cooperative must specify that: (i) other than as permitted under Section 210(b)(6) of the AFA, the cooperative's catcher vessels will deliver pollock in the BSAI directed pollock fishery only to the processor to which such vessels delivered more pollock than to any other AFA inshore processor in the last year in which the vessels engaged in directed fishing for pollock in the BSAI for delivery to the inshore sector, and (ii) such processor has agreed to process such pollock.
- C. The owners of eighty percent (80%) of the catcher vessels that delivered more pollock to the UniSea plant in Dutch Harbor, Alaska (the "Plant") than any other plant in the last year in which the vessels engaged in directed fishing for pollock for delivery to the inshore sector have agreed, subject to the provisions of Section 210(b)(6) of the Act and related provisions in the UniSea Fleet Cooperative (the "Cooperative") Membership Agreement, as amended, to deliver pollock from the inshore BSAI directed pollock fishery only to the Plant.
- D. UniSea is willing to agree to process the BSAI directed pollock fishery harvest of the Cooperative's members' vessels, to enable the Cooperative to obtain an allocation of BSAI pollock under Section 210 of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, UniSea hereby agrees to purchase and process pollock harvested in the BSAI directed pollock fishery by the Cooperative's members' catcher vessels, on terms and conditions to be agreed upon by and between UniSea and such vessels' owners. UniSea hereby acknowledges and agrees that, pursuant to Section 210(b)(6) of the Act, such vessels may deliver up to ten percent (10%) of the Cooperative's BSAI pollock allocation to qualified shoreside processors other than UniSea.

UNISEA, INC.

By: Jon algor Name: Tom Enlow

Its: President

#### UNISEA FLEET COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT 2023 ADDENDUM

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Each of the undersigned hereby certifies that each of its member vessels as identified on the attached Exhibit A: (i) is a "qualified catcher vessel" within the meaning of 50 CFR 679.4(6)(ii)(D); (ii) delivered more pollock to UniSea, Inc. than to any other AFA inshore processor or stationary floating processor in the last year in which the vessel engaged in directed fishing for pollock in the BSAI for delivery to the inshore sector; (iii) is otherwise eligible to fish for groundfish in the BSAI; (iv) has an AFA catcher vessel permit with an inshore endorsement; (v) has no permit sanctions or other type of sanctions against it that would prevent it from fishing for groundfish in the BSAI; and (vi) is named on a valid LLP permit authorizing the vessel to engage in trawling for pollock in the Bering Sea.

Each of the undersigned further certifies that (a) at least 80 percent of the owners of the qualified catcher vessels are parties to the Membership Agreement; and (b) that the Membership Agreement requires that the Cooperative deliver at least 90% of its BSAI Pollock catch to its designated AFA processor.

The cooperative's designated representative within the meaning of 50 CFR 679.61(c) is Duncan R. McIntosh. The cooperative's registered agent for service of process is Mundt MacGregor L.L.P., 271 Wyatt Way NE, Suite 106, Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110-2873.

Dated effective as of November 8, 2022.

RONDYS, INC.	AURIGA/AURORA GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
By: Soevel Hall Name: George Hall	By:
Name: George Hall	Name: Jeff Hendricks
Title: Authorized Representative	Title: Manager

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#### ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

- A. Assignor owns the AFA inshore catcher vessel SEADAWN, O/N 548684 (the "<u>Vessel</u>"), and, as such, FY Fisheries, Inc. is a member of the Unisea Fleet Cooperative (the "<u>Cooperative</u>") and a party to the Cooperative's Amended and Restated Membership Agreement dated September 24, 2010, as modified by a First Amendment dated January 4, 2011, a Second Amendment dated February 4, 2016, and various addenda (the "<u>Membership Agreement</u>").
- B. Assignor is transferring the Vessel to Assignee, and, in connection therewith intends to assign all of its rights and obligations under the Membership Agreement to Assignee. Assignee intends to accept and assume the same and become a member of the Cooperative.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows.

- 1. <u>Assignment</u>. Assignor hereby transfers and assigns to Assignee all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in and to membership in the Cooperative, and all rights and obligations associated therewith, including without limitation, all rights and obligations under the Membership Agreement.
- 2. <u>Assumption</u>. Assignee hereby accepts the assignment set forth in Section 1, and hereby assumes and agrees to fully perform and discharge all of the obligations described therein, including without limitation all obligations arising under the Membership Agreement. Assignee has carefully reviewed the Membership Agreement, and by executing this Assignment, agrees to be bound by all provisions of the Membership Agreement, as though it were an original signatory thereto.
- 3. <u>Authority of Assignor</u>. FY Fisheries, Inc. hereby represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Assignment, that its execution, delivery and performance thereof has been duly-authorized by all necessary action, and that this Assignment constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation of it and its tenants-incommon, enforceable against such in accordance with its terms.
- 4. <u>Cooperative As Beneficiary</u>. The Cooperative and its members are intended third-party beneficiaries of this Assignment and may enforce the provisions hereof as if they were a party hereto

[Signature page follows]

DATED as first set forth above.

ASSIGNOR:

ASSIGNEE:

FY FISHERIES, INC., et al

SEADAWN, LLC

By: FY Fisheries, Inc. Its: Manager

Name: Fred Yeck

Title: President

Title: President

#### ADHERENCE AGREEMENT

This ADHERENCE AGREEMENT is entered into as of [4/7], 2022, by and between the undersigned "New Member" and UniSea Fleet Cooperative, a Washington Fish Marketing Act corporation (the "Cooperative"), on behalf of itself and its members, with respect to the following:

- A. New Member is the owner of the vessel SEADAWN, O/N 548684 (the "Vessel"), and is eligible to and desires to join the Cooperative.
- B. The members of the Cooperative desire to admit New Member to the Cooperative, but only if New Member agrees to be bound by the provisions of the Cooperative's Membership Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows.

- 1. New Member has carefully reviewed the Cooperative's Amended and Restated Membership Agreement dated as of September 24, 2010, as modified by a First Amendment dated January 4, 2011, a Second Amendment dated February 4, 2016, and various addenda (the "Membership Agreement"), and by executing this Adherence Agreement agrees to be bound by all provisions of the Membership Agreement as the same may be amended from time. Execution of this Adherence Agreement shall have the same effect as execution of the Membership Agreement by New Member and the Cooperative's all other members.
- 2. Upon execution of this Agreement by New Member and the Cooperative, and receipt of a copy of a certificate of documentation demonstrating New Member's ownership of the Vessel, New Member shall be deemed admitted as a member of the Cooperative and such admittance shall be reflected on the Cooperative's records.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first set forth above.

Cooperative:

UNISEA FLEET COOPERATIVE

New Member:

SEADAWN, LLC

By: FY Fisheries, Inc.

Its: Manager

By:

Name: Jeff Hendricks

Title: President

Name: Fred Yeck

Title: President