

**Subject:** AEB Comment on NPFMC June 2014 agenda item C-6 Crab ROFR Contract terms - Initial Review

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Chairman Olson, Members of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council,

The Aleutians East Borough supports **Alternative 2** in the addendum to the Modifications to Community Provisions, agenda item C-6 Crab ROFR Contract Terms, for adoption as the preferred alternative moving forward. Alternative 2, to apply the ROFR to all terms and conditions of the proposed sale, or to any subset of those assets, as agreed to by the PQS holder and the community entity, would provide more flexibility in the process.

We support final action on this item as scheduled for the October meeting, along with the other 5 actions as adopted at the February 2013 Council meeting, to modify the BSAI Crab Community Provisions.

The Aleutians East Borough has been an advocate for stronger community provisions in BSAI Crab Rationalization since the inception of the program. We believe Alternative 2 is a common sense change that will allow ROFR contract signatories to come to agreement regarding the sale of assets, and strengthen the ability of processors and communities to work together.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on agenda item C-6.

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