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Alaska King Crab Harvesters Cooperative

2015 report to NPFMC

Alaska King Crab Harvesters Cooperative , a crab-harvesting cooperative organized under Alaska law, submits the following report under Council agenda item C-1.

The Alaska King Crab Harvesters Cooperative is comprised of only 5 members two of which are crew. A single vessel harvests crab for the COOP it is a catcher processor crewed , managed and owned by members of the COOP.

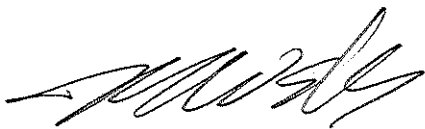
Lease rates/ Crew compensation:

Approximately 45% of the BSS IFQ has no lease rate applied to it and so no deduction is taken from crew shares on those quotas. On the remainder of the IFQ the lease is rate based on the finished value of product produced. The current rate less than 50%. In the case of BBR no royalties were paid and no deductions were applied to crew shares for the 2014 fishery. Certain members lease harvesting quota to other cooperatives and our understanding is that information on crew pay and leases is reported by those COOPs harvesting the quota.

Active participation:

All of the members of our COOP actively participate in the crab fishery either as crew members or vessel owners.

We believe that our current practices effectively address the Council's concerns about crew compensation, active participation and excessive lease rates. We will continue to monitor the situation to address these concerns and if sales occur we will work with the ROFO program to make quotas available to crewman.



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