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Resolution 2010-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA SUPPORTING STABILITY FOR THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES, HARVESTERS, AND PROFESSIONAL CREW DEPENDENT UPON THE BSAI CRAB CATCH SHARE PROGRAM DURING THE NPFMC FIVE YEAR REVIEW

WHEREAS, the BSAI Crab Catch Share Program (Program) was implemented five years ago with the primary goals of improving safety, conservation, and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, the Program has been working successfully to achieve the goals originally set out; and

WHEREAS, the Program has benefited the State of Alaska by providing protection for crab dependent communities; and

WHEREAS, the Program has benefited the State of Alaska through quota shares transferring to residents of Alaska from residents of Washington primarily due to purchases from the Community Development Quota Group and eligible crab community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Program was the first catch share program to allocate IFQ to skippers; and

WHEREAS, entry opportunities for crew are now improved and less risky than before the Program; and


WHEREAS, the harvesters, through the arbitration system, have maintained their historic average percentage of the wholesale price; and


WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council has continued to improve and adapt the program to make it work more smoothly; and

WHEREAS, the major crab harvesting associations including the Alaska Crab Coalition, Crab Group of Independent Harvesters, and Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers all believe the program has been largely successful;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Fishermen of Alaska supports maintaining the status quo to provide stability for the coastal communities, harvesters, processors, and professional crew dependent upon the BSAI Crab Catch Share Program during the NPFMC five year review.

By UFA Board of Directors, September 30, 2010:


Arni Thomson, UFA President


Attest: Mark D. Vinsel, UFA Executive Director