

Amendment 25
Fishery Management Plan for
Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs

(1) Add a new section 1.7.2.5 under Catcher Processor Elements in Chapter **11.0 Voluntary Three-Pie Cooperative Program**:

Catcher Processor Elements

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1.7.2.5 CONVERSION TO CATCHER/PROCESSOR SHARES.

(1) This amendment authorizes:

- (A) an eligible entity holding processor quota shares to elect on an annual basis to work together with other entities holding processor quota shares and affiliated with such eligible entity through common ownership to combine any catcher vessel quota shares for the Northern Region with their processor quota shares and to exchange them for newly created catcher/processor owner quota shares for the Northern Region; and
- (B) an eligible entity holding catcher vessel quota shares to elect on an annual basis to work together with other entities holding catcher vessel quota shares and affiliated with such eligible entity through common ownership to combine any processor quota shares for the Northern Region with their catcher vessel quota shares and to exchange them for newly created catcher/processor owner quota shares for the Northern Region.

(2) **ELIGIBILITY AND LIMITATIONS.**

(A) The authority provided in paragraph (1)(A) shall

(i)(I) apply only to an entity which was initially awarded both catcher/processor owner quota shares, and processor quota shares under the plan (in combination with the processor quota shares of its commonly owned affiliates) of less than 7 percent of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island processor quota shares; or

(II) apply only to an entity which was initially awarded both catcher/processor owner quota shares under the plan and processor quota shares under section 417(a) of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–241; 120 Stat. 546);

(ii) be limited to processor quota shares initially awarded to such entities and their commonly owned affiliates under the plan or section 417(a) of that Act; and

(iii) shall not exceed 1 million pounds per entity during any calendar year.

(B) The authority provided in paragraph (1)(B) shall

(i) apply only to an entity which was initially awarded both catcher/processor owner quota shares, and processor quota shares under the plan (in combination with the processor quota shares of its commonly owned affiliates) of more than 7 percent of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island processor quota shares;

- (ii) be limited to catcher vessel quota shares initially awarded to such entity and its commonly owned affiliates; and
- (iii) shall not exceed 1 million pounds per entity during any calendar year.

(3) EXCHANGE RATE. The entities referred to in paragraph (1) shall receive under the amendment 1 unit of newly created catcher/processor owner quota shares in exchange for 1 unit of catcher vessel owner quota shares and 0.9 units of processor quota shares.

(4) AREA OF VALIDITY. Each unit of newly created catcher/processor owner quota shares under this subsection shall only be valid for the Northern Region.