

FINAL

NORTHERN VICTOR  
FLEET COOPERATIVE

2007 REPORT TO THE  
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL

January 29, 2008

## **I. COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION.**

### **A. Legal Obligations.**

The Northern Victor Fleet Cooperative was formed on December 20, 1999 with ten member vessels and an Agreement to Process with Icicle Seafoods, Inc., the owner of the P/V NORTHERN VICTOR. The Membership Agreement remains in effect, with thirteen vessels in the Cooperative (previous filings covered the additional vessels). Members are listed in Exhibit A. Icicle Seafoods, Inc. signed the 2007 Agreement to Process effective December 1, 2006. (copy attached).

### **B. Member Obligations.**

In the Membership Agreement, each Member agrees not to exceed its allocation of pollock or its allocation of cap amounts for species in sideboard fisheries. It agrees to base allocations on pro rata catch history that each Member brings to the Cooperative, to recognize exemptions and the authorization for vessels under 99 feet to fish inside the Steller sea lion critical habitat forage area, and to recognize the right of each Member to deliver up to 10% of its annual pollock allocation to a pollock processor other than Icicle Seafoods. Each Member agrees that transfers of allocations between Members are authorized so long as notification is given to the Cooperative President, Icicle Seafoods, the Intercooperative Manager, and Sea State, the monitoring service for the Intercooperative Group.

### **C. Member and Board Meetings.**

The Members met on November 13, 2006, in Seattle and elected the following five directors to serve as the Board of Directors for 2007: John Woodruff and Terry Leitzell of Icicle Seafoods (owner of five trawlers in the Cooperative), Norman Johannessen (an owner of the F/Vs POSEIDON and ROYAL ATLANTIC), Bert Ashley (an owner of the F/V GOLD RUSH), and Mike Stone (representing the owner of the F/Vs NORDIC FURY and PACIFIC FURY). For 2007, the Members approved the extension of and changes to the Intercooperative Agreement, the Intercooperative agreement on allocations of P. cod and halibut PSC, and the Intercooperative agreement on salmon bycatch reduction.

The Board of Directors met on November 13, 2006. The Board elected the following officers: Terry L. Leitzell as President, Norman Johannessen as Vice President, and John Woodruff as Secretary/Treasurer. The Board selected Terry L. Leitzell as the Cooperative's designated representative and approved the selection of Aileen Aviles as the on-board manager.

**D. Cooperative Operations.**

Prior to each of the A and B Seasons, the President prepared spreadsheets for pollock allocations to each vessel, divided into allocations inside and outside the critical habitat forage area as appropriate, and divided into the A and B Seasons. At various times during the year, the President also prepared spreadsheets allocating the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pacific cod fishery to each vessel and revised both pollock and cod spreadsheets as reserves were released. The President also prepared a spreadsheet allocating to each vessel a cap for halibut PSC in the P. cod fishery.

On board the P/V NORTHERN VICTOR, the on-board manager worked with each of the Member vessels, providing them with information about the allocations and changes of allocations, and about the amount remaining in each vessel's allocations. The manager entered all landings into a spreadsheet that contained each vessel's quota allocation for pollock and cod, each vessel's quota subdivision into inside and outside critical habitat, and the landed pounds for each vessel. The spreadsheet was always available to vessel skippers and was e-mailed to the Cooperative President weekly. The manager also reported all landings to the National Marine Fisheries Service and to Sea State, the Intercooperative Group's monitoring service.

During the year, transfers of pollock allocations and cod cap allocations occurred. At the end of each of the A and B Seasons, the manager, in consultation with the Cooperative President and the Fleet Manager, designated one or two vessels to make the last trip or trips to catch the remaining pollock quota amounts for all Cooperative vessels. This approach ensured that the Cooperative did not exceed its BSAI pollock allocations. In the A Season, the Cooperative transferred 8.483 metric tons of A Season pollock allocation to the UniSea Fleet Cooperative, and received 8.483 metric tons of B Season pollock allocation from the UniSea Fleet Cooperative. All transfers were approved by the President and implemented by the on-board manager.

**II. SIDEBOARD FISHERY CAPS AND CATCHES.**

Tables 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 provide details on the Cooperative vessels' activity in sideboard fisheries. The reports do not include the F/V Pacific Fury because it transferred its pollock allocation to the F/V Nordic Fury, and because its cod catches are reported through the Mothership Cooperative. The F/V Collier Brothers did not fish in the Bering Sea in 2007.

**A. Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Cod and PSC Halibut and Other PSC Species.**

The Cooperative is a member of the Intercooperative Group which agreed upon the allocation of the AFA vessel P. cod sideboard cap on a cooperative by cooperative basis. Individual vessel catches are in Table 1. The Cooperative's aggregate cod cap allocation and catch by non-exempt vessels is as follows (the Cooperative received cap allocation transfers from other cooperatives in addition to the direct allocation shown):

Cooperative cap allocation:  
Cooperative catch:

*4,680 metric tons*  
*2,770 metric tons*

As a Member of the Intercooperative Group, the cooperative agreed to apportion the AFA halibut sideboard cap to each cooperative. The Cooperative allocated the halibut cap pro rata to its Member vessels based on cod landings history, and monitored and enforced the cap. Table 3 shows the cod and associated halibut cap allocations for these vessels.

**B. Gulf of Alaska Fisheries.**

Three Cooperative vessels fished in the Gulf of Alaska fisheries at various times during the year: the F/V Excalibur II, F/V Collier Brothers, and the F/V Gold Rush, all of which are GOA-exempt. The vessels' catches are shown in Tables 5 and 6.

**III. PENALTY STRUCTURES.**

The Cooperative's Members recognized the critical importance of strong commitments by each Member to comply with pollock allocations, cod cap allocations, and limits in all sideboard fisheries for pollock in the Gulf of Alaska, non-pollock groundfish in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska, and crab. The Cooperative took three approaches to ensuring compliance. First, each Member made a specific commitment in the Membership Agreement to comply with all allocations and limits. Second, the practical operation of the Cooperative and the constant availability of up-to-date data on landings minimized the possibility of error. Third, the Members set forfeiture amounts, for any catches that exceed an allocation of quota or a cap amount, of 150% of the ex-vessel value for pollock, \$1,000 per metric ton for P. cod, and \$300 per metric ton for other groundfish.

**EXHIBIT A**

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F/V HALF MOON BAY

Evening Star, Inc.

F/V NORDIC FURY

F/V PACIFIC FURY

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F/V SUNSET BAY

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F/V COLLIER BROTHERS

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F/V STORM PETREL

Evening Star, Inc.

**2007 TABLE 1**  
**VESSEL ALLOCATIONS AND CATCHES OF BERING SEA**  
**AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS POLLOCK AND COD IN METRIC TONS**

VESSEL NAME	INITIAL POLLOCK ALLOCATION	POLLOCK CATCH*	TRANS-FERS	COD ALLOCATION	COD CATCH**	TRANS-FERS
ANITA J	3,317	4,616.23	-1,298.94	65.89	360.95	-295
COLLIER BROTHERS	749	0.00	749.01	0	0	0
COMMODORE	7,635	6,482.56	1,152.74	634.90	247.78	387
EXCALIBUR II	3,302	3,178.72	123.74	143.75	47.55	96
GOLD RUSH	2,594	2,925.33	-331.29	440.24	280.19	160
HALF MOON BAY	3,308	3,304.78	2.85	464.19	655.52	-191
MISS BERTIE	3,657	1,451.74	2,205.43	203.65	0.00	204
NORDIC FURY	439	407.19	31.43	MOTHERSHIP COOPERATIVE		
PACIFIC FURY	351	0.00	351.47	MOTHERSHIP COOPERATIVE		
POSEIDON	7,484	7,167.03	316.80	425.26	181.46	244
ROYAL ATLANTIC	7,952	7,946.47	5.06	664.85	342.22	323
STORM PETREL	7,443	8,206.47	-763.62	524.09	29.99	494
SUNSET BAY	3,062	3,625.36	-563.56	470.18	624.73	-155
Unall.***	84.00		84.00			
TOTALS	51,377.00	49,311.89	2,065.11	4,036.99	2,770.38	1,267

\*Transfers within the Cooperative resulted in some vessels catching more or less than their original allocation, with the Cooperative as a whole remaining under its aggregate allocation.

\*\*The Cooperative received transfers of cod cap from other AFA Cooperatives.

\*\*\* 84 mt was reallocated from the ICA but unused in the Cooperative.

		2007		TABLE 2									
PSC BYCATCH IN BSAI DIRECTED POLLOCK FISHERY(MT OR NUMBE													
Vessel	Landed Pollock MT	Total Ground-fish Catch	Halibut Mortality	Chinook (obs) N	Other Salmon (obs) N	Red King crab N	Bairdi N	Opilio N	Herring Wt.				
ANITA J	4,616.23	4,693.97	0.89	523	429	0	5	8	0.14				
COLLIER BROTHERS	0.00	0.00											
COMMODORE	6,482.56	6,614.71	0.88	1,603	1,115	0	9	13	4.19				
EXCALIBUR II	3,178.72	3,230.54	0.50	111	440	0	6	6	0.64				
GOLD RUSH	2,925.33	2,970.77	0.22	69	326	0	5	3	0.22				
HALF MOON BAY	3,304.78	3,415.96	0.80	489	551	0	6	9	1.32				
MISS BERDIE	1,451.74	1,474.64	0.22	143	0	0	1	1	0.01				
NORDIC FURY	407.19	413.05	0.14	11	4	0	0	0	0.00				
POSEIDON	7,167.03	7,352.88	2.10	2,159	1,104	0	23	26	11.63				
ROYAL ATLANTIC	7,946.47	8,030.38	1.38	871	1,049	0	8	14	1.11				
STORM PETREL	8,206.47	8,636.50	4.78	1,492	1,527	0	12	14	2.32				
SUNSET BAY	3,625.36	3,605.49	0.71	231	428	0	6	8	0.64				
TOTALS	49,311.89	50,438.89	12.62	7,702	6,973	1	81	103	22.22				

2007 TABLE 3										
BSAI COD AND HALIBUT PSC CATCHES										
VESSEL	COD	COD	INITIAL	HALIBUT	HALIBUT	HALIBUT	HALIBUT	HALIBUT	HALIBUT	HALIBUT
NAME	ALLOCATION*	CATCH*	ALLOCATION*	ALLOCATION*	MORTALITY	MORTALITY	MORTALITY	MORTALITY	MORTALITY	MORTALITY
ANITA J	65.89	360.95	1.51	18.42						
COLLIER BROS.	0.00	0.00								
COMMODORE	634.90	247.78	14.32	1.82						
EXCALIBUR II	143.75	47.55	3.24	8.17						
GOLD RUSH	440.24	280.19	9.91	13.39						
HALF MOON BAY	464.19	655.52	10.45	19.75						
MISS BERTIE	203.65	0.00	4.58	0.00						
NORDIC FURY	MOTHERSHIP COOPERATIVE									
PACIFIC FURY	MOTHERSHIP COOPERATIVE									
POSEIDON	425.26	181.46	9.62	2.41						
ROYAL ATLANTIC	664.85	342.22	14.97	2.18						
STORM PETREL	524.09	29.99	11.83	2.68						
SUNSET BAY	470.18	624.73	10.57	19.95						
TOTALS	4,036.99	2,770.38	91.00	88.76						

\*The Cooperative received transfers from other AFA Cooperatives. Transfers within the Cooperative resulted in some vessels catching more or less than their original allocations, with the Cooperative as a whole remaining under its aggregate allocations.



**2007 TABLE 4**

**PSC BYCATCH IN BSAI DIRECTED COD FISHERY(MT OR NUMBER)**

Vessel	Landed Cod	Total Groundfish Catch	Halibut Mortality	Chinook N	Other salmon N	Red King crab N	Bairdi N	Other Tanner N	Herring Wt
ANITA J	360.95	1,489.21	18.42	6	18	0	269	1173	0
COLLIER BROS.	0.00								
COMMODORE	247.78	304.57	1.82	0	2	0	60	33	0
EXCALIBUR II	47.55	242.41	8.17	0	8	0	0	0	0
GOLD RUSH	280.19	680.17	13.39	0	13	0	144	559	0
HALF MOON BAY	655.52	1,048.51	19.75	0	20	0	284	1366	0
MISS BERTIE	0.00		0.00						
NORDIC FURY	MOTHERSHIP COOPERATIVE								
PACIFIC FURY	MOTHERSHIP COOPERATIVE								
POSEIDON	181.46	356.60	2.41	0	2	0	80	236	0
ROYAL ATLANTIC	342.22	409.48	2.18	0	2	0	11	26	0
STORM PETREL	29.99	190.69	2.68	0	3	0	0	0	0
SUNSET BAY	624.73	1,072.83	19.95	0	20	0	315	1531	0
TOTALS	2,770.38	5,794.46	88.76	6	89	0	1,163	4,925	0





		2007 TABLE 7			
SUMMARY OF TOTAL COOP BSAI CATCHES BY SPECIES					
Group Description	Weight In Metric Tons				
AKPlaice BSAI	2.6				
Arrowtooth BSAI	222.7				
Bairdi BSAI	0.0				
Chinook BSAI	21.98				
Flathead BSAI	365.71				
FORAGE BSAI	0.56				
Halibut BSAI	5.22				
Herring BSAI	22.14				
Mackerel BSAI	0.22				
MISC BSAI	107.81				
Northern BSAI	6.60				
Oflats BSAI	190.36				
Oking BSAI	0.00				
Opilio BSAI	0.06				
ORockfish BSAI	0.16				
OTanner BSAI	0.00				
OtherSalmon BSAI	18.28				
Otherspec BSAI	170.23				
Pcod BSAI	3,360.31				
Rocksole BSAI	473.64				
Rougheye BSAI	0.52				
Shortraker BSAI	0.03				
Yellowfin BSAI	13.01				
Mackerel BS/541	12.00				
ORockfish BS	1.04				
Pollock BS	53,823.03				
POP BS	7.51				
Sablefish BS	0.2				
Turbot BS	0.3				
ORockfish AI	0.0				