Amendment 37 Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs

Revise the following in chapter 11.0 Voluntary Three-Pie Cooperative Program:

(1) Modify section 3.3 to read as follows (**bold shows additions**):

- 3.3 Delivery and Processing Restrictions
- **3.3.1** The following provisions apply to the delivery and processing of crab with IFQs or IPQs that are categorized by region:
- a. Crab harvested with catcher vessel IFQs categorized for a region must be delivered for processing within the designated region, unless an exemption is approved for the West designated IFQ in the WAI golden king crab fishery under provisions described in section 3.3.2.
- b. Crab purchased with IPQs categorized for a region must be processed within the designated region, unless an exemption is approved for the West designated IPQ in the WAI golden king crab fishery under provisions described in section 3.3.2.
- 3.3.2 WAI Golden King Crab Regional Delivery Exemption NMFS will approve a request to exempt West designated IFQ holders and IPQ holders from the requirement to deliver and process WAI golden king crab west of 174° W. long. for a crab season, if all Eligible Contract Signatories request the exemption in writing for that season. Eligible Contract Signatories are —
- a. <u>QS holders:</u> Any person that holds in excess of 20 percent of the West designated WAI golden king crab QS at the time the contract was signed, or their authorized representative.
- b. <u>PQS holders:</u> Any person that holds in excess of 20 percent of the West designated WAI golden king crab PQS at the time the contract was signed, or their authorized representative.
- c. <u>Municipalities:</u> the City of Adak and the City of Atka, or their authorized representatives.

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