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October 17, 2017 John Jensen, Chairman Alaska Board of Fisheries Fish and Game Board Support P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526

LATE COMMENT

Subject: Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee from a meeting held on October 16, 2017 in Unalaska, AK on Board of Fisheries Work Session meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, October 17-19 2017.

ACR02 Aleutian Island King Crab Fishery (1)

Repeal fixed total allowable catch (TAC) and adopt and Aleutian Island Golden King Crab harvest strategy that uses biomass estimates generated from the Alaska Department of Fish and game stock assessment model to establish TACs. Regulation that would be changed (5AAC34.612).

Motion to support: made by Dickerson, seconded by Gregory,

Discussion, the committee felt that this proposal from the Aleutian King Crab Research Foundation had merit that moving to a harvest strategy based on a revised OFL and ABCs would allow ADFG to raise or lower TAC annually according to the changes in the status of Golden King Crab Stocks. It was also pointed that Aleutian King Crab Research Foundation has been doing industry founded survey work for the 2-3 years. The committee was very supportive of this ACR being moved forward by the Board of Fisheries.

Motion passes 8-0

Sincerely

Frank Kelty

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC Chairman

CC: Glenn Haight, ADFG Board Support