

**BERING SEA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS
CRAB OBSERVER OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE**

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TO: Chairman Karl Johnstone
Alaska Board of Fisheries

FROM: Linda Kozak and Mark Gleason
Crab Observer Oversight Task Force Co-chairs

SUJB: Composition of COOTF Membership

At the March 2014 Board of Fisheries meeting, the board continued the Crab Observer Oversight Task Force and named the COOTF members for the term of three years.

The COOTF met by teleconference in July 2014 and at that meeting, Dick Powell resigned from the COOTF membership. He recommended that Mark Henkel with the F/V Erla N be named as his replacement. This would maintain a balanced Task Force by continuing the representation of the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery.

The members of the COOTF voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Fisheries that Mark Henkel be added to the COOTF and Dick Powell's name be removed.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.