Pursuant to the Board’s discussion and the requests of the stakeholders and their representatives, the board determined that the continuation of the Crab Observer Oversight Task Force (task force) for the crab observer program and the program receipts system is useful.

At its March 2017 Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting, the Board received a report from the task force. The board approved maintaining the task force for an additional three years, approved a change that membership may range from nine (9) to fifteen (15) members, quorum may be achieved through a simple majority of members, and current members appointments are renewed. The board makes the following appointments:

- Lance Farr – R/V Keveleen K
- Doug Wells – C/P Baranof
- Jerry Bongen – F/V Pacific Venture
- Jeff Stephan – United Fishermens’ Marketing Association
- Linda Kozak – Crab Group of Independent Harvesters
- Edward Poulsen – Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
- Craig Lowenberg – F/V Arctic Lady
- Mark Henkel – F/V Erla N
- Tyson Fick – Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
- Matt Robinson – Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation

The board will review the membership and the charge through the Board’s next Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting.

The charge to the Oversight Task Force is outlined in Board Finding 99-186-FB.

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John Jensen, Chair
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Vote: # in favor, # opposed