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

At its March 2008 Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting, the Board received nominations of intent to be kept as membership of this task force. The board notes that with the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands crab rationalization it is timely to review the membership of this task force. The board makes the following appointments:

- Lance Farr – R/V Kevleen K
- Doug Wells – C/P Baranof
- Arni Thomson – Alaska Crab Coalition
- Jerry Bongen – FV Pacific Venture
- Ann Vanderhouven – Bristol Bay Economic Dev. Corp.
- Jeff Stephan
- Dick Powell
- Linda Kozak

The term of this Oversight Task Force is three years. 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.

Mel Morris, Chair
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Vote:  7 in favor, 0 opposed