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Shellfish Committee Meeting
ASMI All Hands Meeting
September 29, 2014
Anchorage, Alaska
Marriott Hotel Downtown
Valdez Room

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Present:

Rodger Painter, Chair
Richard Tremaine
Jake Jacobsen
Mark Gleason
Joe Thompson
Jim Stone
Tomi Marsh
Heather Carey

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02AM.

II. Roll Call

The Chair asked that Heather Carey call the roll. It was determined that a quorum was present.

The Chair asked that the guests introduce themselves to the committee. Jann Dickerson introduced herself with the Foodservice program and Arne Fuglvog will be doing a presentation to the committee. Dr. Alex Oliviera, ASMI Technical Director joined the meeting a short time later.

III. Approval of Agenda

Richard Tremaine motioned to approve the agenda and Jake Jacobsen moved that we add an item between 3) Approval of Agenda and 4) Approval of Minutes to add Election of the Chair and Vice Chair and move number 5) Species Recap to after number 9) IUU Update. Mr. Tremaine seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Chair/ Vice Chair Elections

Jim Stone nominated for Chair, Rodger Painter and Jake Jacobsen as Vice Chair. Mr. Tremaine seconded. Motion passed.

V. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stone moved for the approval of minutes from the October 2013 Shellfish Committee meeting. Mr. Jacobsen seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Golden King Crab Nomenclature

The Chair welcomed Arne Fuglvog who presented to the committee on Golden King Crab Nomenclature. Mr. Jacobsen asked about this petition possibly failing, if it does, can the petition be repeated again? Mr. Fuglvog replied yes, you can, you are able to repeat your petition as many times as needed. A discussion followed on how the Shellfish Committee can be of help and/ or support this petition. **Mr. Stone made a motion to reaffirm ASMI's 2013 motion and support to be a co-petitioner changing the name from Brown King Crab to Golden King Crab. Mark Gleason seconded. Motion passed.**

VII. Chinese Geoduck Embargo

Tomi Marsh spoke to the committee about the Chinese Geoduck Embargo. They started retesting last year and testing for inorganic arsenic. At this time, they didn't have a fishery, neither did Washington state. There has been a lot of exchange between NOAA and the Chinese. This affects all bivalves. The Chair asked where the product is going. Ms. Marsh replied that they are essentially going to the same place, just taking a different road and the price is dropping. The Chinese control the Canadian and WA fisheries and are upset with the way it is being managed. A discussion followed. The Chair stated that this be discussed further in the Seafood Technical Meeting. Can ASMI help locate new clients that aren't Chinese, or domestic Chinese? **Mr. Stone made a motion that asked the Board of Directors to direct ASMI staff to look into domestic and international markets, besides China for Geoduck and pursue further research on arsenic and heavy metal for the Technical Committee. Mr. Tremaine seconded. Motion passed.**

VIII. Bairdi Marketing

Mr. Stone spoke to the committee about Bairdi Crab and that the catch was about 4 million pounds last year. This year looks good and stocks may be going up, but an answer won't be known for TAC for 7-10 days, around October 7th. Were hoping for a doubling of the quota but that is not likely. SE Alaska will probably get 1 to 1.2 million TAC, same as last year. The rest of the TAC will come out of the Bering Sea, with last year's catch being 3 million pounds. There is still going to be an increase, but we need to monitor and differentiate the two different species between Bairdi and Opilio Crab. Mr. Jacobsen then spoke to the committee about Opilio Crab. One concern is the discovery of a huge Opilio resource in the Bering Sea and larger breeding grounds, which could be detrimental to the pricing structure here. We need expansion of that market into other countries. Efforts by the Canadians over the last 6 years and effort by Trident Seafoods to try to market into China have happened. It makes good sense for us to market into China because of the proximity to Alaska, however, Brazil and South America are markets that could be explored also. Joe Thompson agreed with everything that Mr. Jacobsen stated and that it is hard to compete in the EU. A discussion followed. **Mr. Stone made a motion that**

ASMI staff begin developing marketing materials specific to Bairdi Crab. Mr. Thompson seconded. Motion Passed.

IX. IUU Update

Mr. Gleason spoke to the committee regarding the IUU update. Mr. Gleason spoke to the IUU related developments recap that was distributed to the committee in advance of this meeting. The treaty has been ratified in the senate. Changes need to be made to the domestic law to move forward. Mr. Gleason is hopeful that at this time next year, a signed agreement will be in place. The Chair asked Mr. Jacobsen to speak to the treaty between Russia and Japan and how it has been somewhat effective. Mr. Jacobsen stated he didn't have any updated numbers, but as of February 2014, there was a 62% decrease. There was a 51% increase into the crab coming into the USA during the same timeframe.

Break from 10:52AM to 11AM.

The meeting reconvened and the committee reviewed the motions that have been put forward during the days meeting to present to the Board of Directors. Mr. Jacobsen spoke to cool legislation and be applicable to King and Snow Crab and use that as one of the tools with combating IUU Crab and possibly wanting to put forward an additional motion. The question was asked what the issue is and Mr. Jacobsen explained to the committee. There is resistance to get the cool legislation changed. **Mr. Jacobsen made a motion to direct ASMI staff to look into the marketing implications of including cooked king, snow and tanner crab products in country of origin labeling laws (COOL). Mr. Stone seconded. Motion passed.**

X. Board Questions for Committee

The committee reviewed the Board Questions for the committee and made edits for the Chair to present. **Mr. Tremaine moved to accept the changes. Mr. Jacobsen seconded. Motion passed.**

XI. Adjourn

Mr. Tremaine moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jacobsen seconded. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:58AM.