UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Defendants.

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No. C-82-809 FINAL JUDGMENT

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PAN-ALASKA FISHERIES, INC., SEA-ALASKA PRODUCTS, INC.,

UNIVERSAL SEAFOODS, LTD.,

WHITNEY-FIDALGO SEAFOODS, INC.,

and ALASKA MARKETING ASSOCIATION,

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Plaintiff, United States of America, having filed its Complaint in this case, and plaintiff and defendants, by their respective attorneys, having consented to the entry of this Final Judgment without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein and without this Final Judgment constituting any evidence against or any admission by any party with respect to any such issue;

NOW THEREFORE, before the taking of any testimony and without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein and upon consent of the parties hereto, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action and of each of the parties consenting hereto. The Complaint states

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a claim upon which relief may be granted against each defendant under Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).

II

As used in this Final Judgment:

- (Λ) "person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, firm, association or other business or legal entity;
- (B) "live crab" shall mean live ocean crab prior to any processing (i.e., canning, packing, or freezing);
- (C) "Dutch Harbor area" shall mean the following area in the State of Alaska: Unalaska Island, including Dutch Harbor, Akutan Island and the waters within ten miles of the coasts of said Islands;
- (D) "Dutch Harbor processor" shall mean any person engaged in the business of canning, packing or freezing live crab in the Dutch Harbor area, including such person's officers, directors, agents, employees and subsidiaries, and shall further include defendant processors as that term is defined herein.
- (E) "defendant processor" shall mean each processor named as a party in this action, including its officers, directors, agents, employees, subsidiaries, or other persons acting on its behalf;
- (F) "defendant association" shall mean the Alaska Marketing Association, including its members, officers, directors, agents, employees, or other persons acting on its behalf;
- (G) "live crab price negotiations" shall mean contacts between any fisherman and any Dutch Harbor processor with respect to the negotiation of prices for live crab to be processed in the Dutch Harbor area;
- (H) "fisherman" shall mean one or more fishermen or any cooperative association of fishermen, including defendant

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association, established pursuant to the Fishermen's Collective Marketing Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 521, 522);

(I) "The opening of the Bering Sea Crab Season" shall mean the later of: (a) the date designated by the Alaskan Department of Fish and Game for the commencement of a crab harvest in the Bering Sea, or (b) with respect to any defendant processor, the time at which such processor has agreed with defendant association or any successor association on the price it will pay for the first delivery of live crab for that season or has announced its intention to pay a price previously agreed to between such association and any other Dutch Harbor processor.

III

This Final Judgment applies to the defendants and to their officers, directors, agents, employees, subsidiaries, successors, and assigns, and to members of the defendant association and to all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them who shall have received actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise.

IV

1. The defendant processors, and each of them, are enjoined and restrained from entering into, adhering to, participating in, maintaining, furthering, or enforcing, either directly or indirectly, any agreement, understanding, arrangement, plan, program, combination, or conspiracy with any processor to determine, establish, fix, raise, lower, maintain, or adhere to prices or other terms or conditions for the purchase or sale of live crab to be processed in the Dutch Harbor area.

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2. The defendant association is enjoined and restrained from entering into, adhering to, participating in, maintaining, furthering, or enforcing, either directly or indirectly, any agreement, understanding, arrangement, plan, program, combination, or conspiracy among the Dutch Harbor processors to determine, establish, fix, raise, lower, maintain, or adhere to prices or other terms or conditions for the purchase or sale of live crab to be processed in the Dutch Harbor area.

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- Each defendant processor is enjoined and restrained from directly or indirectly:
- (A) Communicating with any Dutch Harbor processor regarding (i) current prices, future prices, or anticipated changes in prices for live crab to be processed in the Dutch Harbor area; (ii) prices discussed or to be discussed, or offers or counteroffers made or to be made by any party in live crab price negotiations; or (iii) strategy, timing or conduct of live crab price negotiations.
- (B) Communicating with any non-Dutch Harbor processor regarding future prices, anticipated changes in prices, or current prices not yet posted, published, or announced on the radio, for live crab to be processed in the Dutch Harbor area;
- (C) Participating jointly or collectively with any other processor or processors in live crab price negotiations.
- 2. The defendant association is enjoined and restrained from, directly or indirectly:
- (A) Knowingly engaging in live crab price negotiations in which two or more processors jointly or collectively participate;

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(B) Requesting, encouraging or in any way knowingly facilitating or assisting processors to engage in joint or collective bargaining in respect to prices to be paid for live crab in the Dutch Harbor area.

VI

- Nothing in Sections IV or V of this Final Judgment shall prohibit any defendant processor from:
- (A) Separately negotiating and agreeing with any fisherman on the prices or other terms for the purchase of live crab by such processor from such fisherman;
- (B) Posting, publishing, or publicly announcing by radio prices which such processor will pay to sellers of live crab to be processed in the Dutch Harbor area;
- (C) Requesting, during live crab price negotiations, any fisherman to confirm orally or in writing any live crab price offers which it asserts it has received from any other Dutch Harbor processor, or seeking or giving verification of such live crab price offers from or to any other Dutch Harbor processors; provided however, that such verification from or to any Dutch Harbor processor shall occur only after the opening of the Bering Sea crab season and shall be confined to communication between legal counsel for such processors, and shall be limited to confirming or denying representations made by a scller of live crab as to the price which has been offered to such seller by the processor from which verification is sought;
- (D) Participating with other Dutch Harbor processors in joint government lobbying efforts;

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(E) Discussing with other Dutch Harbor processors common industry-wide or local issues, provided that, for purposes of this Paragraph 1(E), such discussions do not relate to prices to be paid for live crab;

- (F) Separately negotiating or entering into any bona fide, arm's length contract, agreement or understanding with another processor to sell or furnish live crab to that processor; provided, however, that any price negotiated prior to the opening of the Bering Sea crab season shall be specified in terms of one of the following formulae, rather than a price: (i) the prevailing market price or the defendant processor's posted price at the time of delivery; (ii) a stated discount from such prevailing or posted price; or, (iii) a stated premium or commission to be added to such prevailing or posted price; provided further that such negotiations and sales transactions shall not be used by the defendant processor to communicate with the other party concerning the price (other than the formula set out herein) that either of them intends to pay any third party for live crab.
- 2. Nothing in Sections IV or V of this Final Judgment shall prohibit the defendant association, its officers, agents, employees, directors or members from:
- (A) Negotiating and agreeing as to the price, terms or conditions of sale with any single processor or any other purchaser of live crab;
- (B) Engaging in any and all conduct authorized by the Fishermen's Collective Marketing Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 521, 522);
- (C) Confirming, orally or in writing, to any defendant processor during price negotiations with such processor and upon its request, any price offers which the defendant association has received from other Dutch Harbor processors.

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3. Nothing in Sections IV or V of this Final Judgment shall prohibit a defendant processor from directly or indirectly:

(A) Jointly owning and/or operating a shore-based processing facility or a fishing and/or processing vessel with another Dutch Harbor processor, if such defendant processor has at least a 20% ownership or participating interest in such facility or vessel; or

- or a fishing and processing vessel to process live crab for such defendant processor, and engaging in such communications, transactions and activities as are necessary to carry out such arrangements; provided, however, that this Paragraph 3 shall not apply to communications, transactions or activities between such defendant processor and any other defendant processor.
- 4. Without in any way limiting the generality of Paragraph 3, nothing in Sections IV and V of this Final Judgment shall apply to communications, transactions or activities solely between Universal Seafoods, Ltd., its officers, directors, agents or employees and Dutch Harbor Seafoods, Ltd.; its officers, directors, agents or employees; provided, however, that this Paragraph 4 shall become inoperative at such time as the majority of the stock or substantially all of the assets of either company is transferred to persons not holding an ownership interest in the respective companies as of the date of entry of this Final Judgment.

VII

- 1. Each defendant processor is ordered and directed to:
- (A) Furnish within thirty (30) days after the date of entry of this Final Judgment, a copy thereof to each of its officers, directors, employees and agents who has managerial FINAL JUDGMENT PAGE 7

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responsibility for or authority over determining prices to be paid for live crab to be processed in the Dutch Harbor area, or who engages in or has responsibility or authority over live crab price negotiations;

- (B) Furnish a copy of this Final Judgment to each successor to those officers, directors, employees, or agents described in Paragraph 1(A) of this Section, within thirty (30) days after such successor is employed by or becomes associated with the defendant processor;
- (C) File with this Court and serve upon plaintiff within sixty days (60) after the date of entry of this Final Judgment, an affidavit as to the fact and manner of its compliance with Paragraph 1(A) of this Section; and
- (D) Obtain from each officer, director, employee and agent served with a copy of this Final Judgment pursuant to Paragraph 1(A) of this Section, and from each successor to each such officer, director, employee and agent served with a copy of this Final Judgment pursuant to Paragraph 1(B) of this Section, a written statement evidencing such person's receipt of a copy of this Final Judgment; and retain such statements in its files.
 - 2. The defendant association is ordered and directed to:
- (A) Furnish within thirty (30) days after the date of entry of this Final Judgment a copy thereof to each of its current members, officers, directors and any members, employees or agents who engage in or have responsibility or authority over negotiating prices for the sale of live crab to Dutch Harbor processors;
- (B) Furnish a copy of this Final Judgment to each successor to those officers and directors and to those members, employees or agents with responsibilities for price negotiations as FINAL JUDGHENT PAGE 8

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described in Paragraph 2(A) of this Section within thirty (30) days after such successor is employed or becomes affiliated with the association;

- (C) File with this Court and serve upon plaintiff within sixty (60) days after the date of entry of this Final Judgment, an affidavit as to the fact and manner of its compliance with Paragraph 2(A) of this Section; and
- (D) Obtain from each officer, director, member, employee and agent served with a copy of this Final Judgment pursuant to Paragraph 2(A) of this Section, and from each successor to each such officer, director, member, employee and agent served with a copy of this Final Judgment pursuant to Paragraph 2(B) of this Section, a written statement evidencing such person's receipt of a copy of this Final Judgment; and retain such statements in its files.

VIII

- Each defendant processor is ordered and directed to:
- (A) Advise each of its officers, employees or agents who is engaged in, or who has responsibility for or authority over determining prices to be paid for live crab to be processed in the Dutch Harbor area, or who is responsible for conducting negotiations regarding live crab prices with any fishermen's representative, of its and their obligations under this Final Judgment.
- (B) For a period of ten (10) years from the entry of this Final Judgment, maintain a program to insure compliance with this Final Judgment, which program shall include, at a minimum, the following with respect to each of the persons described immediately above: (i) the annual distribution to them of this Final Judgment; (ii) the annual submission to them of a written directive setting forth the defendant's policy regarding compliance with the Sherman

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Act and with this Final Judgment, including: (a) an admonition that noncompliance with such policy and this Final Judgment will result in appropriate disciplinary action determined by the employing defendant processor, which may include dismissal, and (b) a statement that the defendant's legal advisors are available at all times to confer with such persons regarding any compliance questions or problems; and (iii) the imposition of a requirement that each of them sign and submit to his employer, once a year, a certificate in substantially the following form:

The undersigned hereby (1) acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Final Judgment entered in United States v. Pan Alaska Fisheries

Inc., et al., Civil No.

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directive setting forth the company's policy regarding compliance with the antitrust laws and with such Final Judgment; (2) represents that the undersigned has read and understands such Final Judgment and directive; (3) acknowledges that the undersigned has been advised and understands that noncompliance with such policy and Final Judgment will result in appropriate disciplinary measures determined by the company and which may include dismissal; and (4) acknowledges that the undersigned has been advised and understands that noncompliance with the Final Judgment may also result in conviction for contempt of court and imprisonment and/or fine.

- (C) For a period of ten (10) years from the entry of this Final Judgment, whenever such defendant processor invests in any joint venture, joint buying arrangement, or joint ownership of any entity engaged in the purchase of live Bering Sea crab with any non-defendant Dutch Harbor processor, the defendant processor shall furnish to the plaintiff within 30 days of such investment a report setting out the names and ownership interests of the parties, a full description of the activities contemplated, the names of the individuals with authority to set live crab purchase prices, and the manner in which the parties intend to allocate responsibilities for determining the price they will pay for such crab.
 - 2. The defendant association is ordered and directed to:
- (A) Advise each of its officers, directors, members, employees and agents who is engaged in, or who has responsibility or

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authority over negotiating prices for the sale of live crab to Dutch Harbor processors of its and their obligations under this Final Judgment.

(B) For a period of ten (10) years from the entry of this Final Judgment, maintain a program to insure compliance with this Final Judgment, which program shall include at a minimum the following with respect to each of the persons described immediately above: (i) the annual distribution to them of this Final Judgment; (ii) the annual submission to them of a written directive setting forth the defendant association's policy regarding compliance with the Sherman Act and with this Final Judgment, including (a) an admonition that noncompliance with such policy and this Final Judgment will result in appropriate disciplinary action determined by the defendant association, which may include expulsion from the association, and (b) a statement that the defendant association's legal advisors are available at all times to confer with such persons regarding any compliance questions or problems; and (iii) the imposition of a requirement that each of them sign and submit to the defendant association, once a year, a certificate in substantially the following form:

The undersigned hereby (1) acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Final Judgment entered in United States v. Pan Alaska Fisheries Inc., Civil No. (W.D. Wash.) and a written directive setting forth the Association's policy regarding compliance with the antitrust laws and with such Final Judgment; (2) represents that the undersigned has read and understands such Final Judgment and directive; (3) acknowledges that the undersigned has been advised and understands that noncompliance with such policy and Final Judgment will result in appropriate disciplinary measures determined by the Association and which may include expulsion; and (4) acknowledges that the undersigned has been advised and understands that noncompliance with the Final Judgment may also result in conviction for contempt of court and imprisonment and/or fine.

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1. Each defendant processor shall require, as a condition of the sale or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the assets used by it in the processing of live crab in the Dutch Harbor area that the acquiring party agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Final Judgment and to file such agreement with this Court.

2. The members of the defendant association agree, and shall require, as a condition to the formation of any successor or alternative fishermen's marketing association formed under authority of the Fishermen's Collective Marketing Act in order to negotiate live crab prices in the Dutch Harbor area, that as a condition to joining any such other association, that such other association agree to be bound by the provisions of this Final Judgment and that no member shall join such other association unless such agreement is obtained. The defendant association and the members agree that any such agreement with any alternative or successor fishermen's marketing association formed to negotiate live crab prices in the Dutch Harbor area shall be filed with this Court.

X

For the purposes of determining or securing compliance with this Final Judgment, and subject to any legally recognized privilege, from time to time:

(A) Duly authorized representatives of the Department of Justice shall, upon written request of the Attorney General or of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, and on reasonable notice to a defendant processor or to the dependant association, made to its principal office, be permitted:

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- (2) Subject to the reasonable convenience of such defendant and without restraint or interference from it, to interview officers, employees and agents of such defendant, who may have counsel present, regarding any such matters.
- (B) No information or documents obtained by the means provided in this Section shall be divulged by any representative of the Department of Justice to any person other than duly authorized representative of the Executive Branch of the United States, except in the course of legal proceedings to which the United States is a party, or for the purpose of securing compliance with the Final Judgment, or as otherwise required by law.
- (C) If at the time information or documents are furnished by a defendant to plaintiff, such defendant represents and . identifies in writing the material in any such information or documents to which a claim of protection may be asserted under Rule 26(c)(7) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and said defendant marks each pertinent page of such material, "Subject to claim of protection under Rule 26(c)(7) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," then ten (10) days notice shall be given by plaintiff to such defendant prior to divulging such material in any legal proceeding (other than a grand jury proceeding) to which that defendant is not a party.

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Jurisdiction is retained by this Court for the purpose of enabling any of the parties to this Final Judgment to apply to this Court at any time for such further orders or directions as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction, carrying out or modification of any of the provisions hereof, for the enforcement of compliance herewith, and for the punishment of any violation hereof. XII This Final Judgment shall expire ten (10) years from its date of entry. XIII Entry of this Final Judgment is in the public interest. IT IS SO ORDERED DATED this 29th day of October , 1982. 1. Sec. .. /s/Walter T. McGovern UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FINAL JUDGMENT PAGE 14 FORM DBD-172 4-8-76