



Serving the fisheries of the Bering Strait Region

Brevig Mission Diomede Elim Gambell Golovin Koyuk Nome Saint Michael Savoonga Shaktoolik Stebbins Teller Unalakleet Wales White Mountain

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2011 Norton Sound red king crab prices climb by more than \$1.50

Season to start June 28

NOME—Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) and Norton Sound Seafood Products (NSSP) announce that NSSP will pay fishermen \$5.29 per pound in 2011 for Norton Sound red king crab at the dock in Nome.

Last year the crab price was set at \$3.77 at the dock.

The CDQ crab fishery is set to open on June 28. Once the first deliveries can be checked for quality and meat-fill, NSSP will immediately proceed with accepting deliveries from the open-access fishery.

NSSP is working on plans to continue its offering of tendering services from the Golovin area and in the southern portion of Norton Sound. Tendered crab will fetch a price of \$5.04 to fishermen.

“Aided by the strong demand worldwide for crab, Norton Sound Seafood Products is pleased to offer a more than 40 percent increase in the price paid to fishermen over last year,” said Northern NSSP Manager Rich Ferry. “We are proud to support our resident fishermen. With such strong prices this year, we anticipate a great season.”

Norton Sound Seafood Products is a division of Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation.

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About NSED: Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. is a private 501(c)4 non-profit corporation representing 15 member communities and more than 8,490 people in the Bering Strait Region of Northwestern Alaska. NSED is one of six Community Development Quota organizations in Alaska. NSED maintains a balance between distant-water fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. Key to that balance is the establishment of programs designed to provide immediate benefits to the residents of the region along with the continued pursuit of longer-term investments that provide a stable source of economic strength. For more information, see www.nsedc.com.

“NSED will participate in the Bering Sea fisheries to provide economic development through education, employment, training and financial assistance to our member communities”