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2011 Iditarod Banquet to feature Norton Sound red king crab, halibut

NOME—After finishing the grueling 1,000 miles that mark the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, mushers and fans in Nome will be treated to a special dinner at the 2011 finishers banquet. Offering a true taste of the region, banquet attendees will feast on Norton Sound red king crab and halibut sponsored by Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED C) and supplied by Norton Sound Seafood Products.

While red king crab has long been a mainstay of the multi-course meal traditionally presented to the first musher to reach the Yukon River, all mushers and fans alike will be able to enjoy the delicacy this year in Nome without having to be the frontrunner of one of world's toughest races to get it.

"NSED C is proud to contribute to an event that is so much more than just a race to our region," said NSED C President and Chief Executive Officer Janis Ivanoff. "The Iditarod in Western Alaska is a welcome signal that the end of another long winter is nearly at hand. The race brings visitors and excitement to many of our member communities, as well as an economic boost. We are happy to be able to give back by providing red king crab and halibut harvested by our local, hard-working fishermen."

NSED C is supplying up to 1,000 pounds of Norton Sound red king crab and halibut for the banquet to be held at the Nome Recreation Center on Sunday, March 20. The crab and halibut were all landed by area resident fishermen and is some of the finest seafood on the planet. For those wanting to get a taste of the crab and halibut outside of the banquet, Norton Sound Seafood Products offers the fish locally at its plant in Nome and by mail order.

As in past years, the preparation of the dinner will be under the direction of the talented and expert chefs from Anchorage's Millennium Hotel.

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About NSED C: 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 C is one of six Community Development Quota organizations in Alaska. NSED C 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 C will participate in the Bering Sea fisheries to provide economic development through education, employment, training and financial assistance to our member communities"