

STANDING FISH PRICE-SETTING PANEL CRAB FISHERY 2015

The Standing Fish Price-Setting Panel, hereinafter referred to as "the Panel", issued its Schedule of Hearings for 2015 on February 19th, 2015. Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act*, hereinafter referred to as the "Act", the Panel set Friday, March 27th, 2015, as the date by which a collective agreement(s) binding on all processors in the province that process crab must be in effect.

The Panel also noted at that time that it had been advised by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture that the Association of Seafood Producers, hereinafter referred to "ASP", represented processors that process the majority percentage of the species crab. As a result, under Section 19(11) of the Act, should a hearing be required for the species crab, the parties appearing before the Panel would be the Fish, Food and Allied Workers, hereinafter referred to as "FFAW", and ASP. Section 19.11(1) of the Act, and regulations made pursuant thereto, require that the decision of the Panel must be in accordance with one of the positions on price and conditions of sale submitted to the Panel by the parties at the hearing. The Panel further advised that no other positions would be accepted by the Panel and should representatives of this species wish to attend the hearing, concurrence from both parties to collective bargaining must be obtained.

The hearing for crab, if required, was scheduled to take place at 10:00a.m., Friday, March 27th, 2015 at the Labour Relations Board Hearings Room, Beothuck Building, 20 Crosbie Place, St. John's.

The Panel convened the hearing for the species crab on March 27th, 2015. The parties appearing before the Panel were the FFAW and ASP. The parties having previously exchanged written submissions, supported their submissions in argument and rebuttal.

The Panel and the parties had the benefit of two market reports prepared for the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. The market reports are from Seafood.com, authored by Mr. John Sackton, and Minato-Tsukiji.com.

Following a review of the market reports and the submissions of the parties, it is the decision of the Panel to accept the final offer of ASP. The prices for the species crab will be:

- \$2.34/lb – 4" carapace and up.
- \$2.04/lb – for legal size under 4".

These prices will form a collective agreement or part of a collective agreement binding on all processors that purchase the species crab.

The Panel will issue a more detailed report on its decision at a later date.

Dated the 2nd day of April, 2015.



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