

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**Alaska Department of Fish and Game is seeking a boat charter in
Norton Sound for June 2021**

ADF&G will be using satellite tags to evaluate red king crab movement and will be contracting a fully functional fishing vessel to deploy, reset, and retrieve crab pots from three areas in northern Norton Sound: south of Sledge Island, south of Cape Nome, and south of Rocky Point (near Golovnin Bay).

ADF&G personnel will *not* be on the charter vessel, but the vessel captain will work closely with ADF&G staff and their Research Vessel Peter Joel to complete this project. The vessel captain and crew will be required to bait and deploy, reset, and retrieve up to **40** 4' x 5' collapsible pots. Pots will soak for 36–48 hours before being checked by ADF&G with the RV Peter Joel. Pots may be reset twice in the same area to reach deployment goals. Once all tags have been deployed in the area, the pots will be retrieved and moved to the next area.

The charter period will be for 6–14 non-consecutive, 24-hour days in June 2021. Exact dates will depend on ice and weather. Charter length will not be less than 6 days. Additional days are at the discretion of the department and depending on the needs of the department can be extended up to, but not more than, 14 days.

Bids will be accepted verbally over the phone, by email, or written and must be submitted by 5:00 pm
March 26, 2021.

For a bid packet, additional information, and questions please contact ADF&G:

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