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## **UPDATED 2021/22 Catcher Vessel Selection Lists for Observer Coverage for Bering Sea Snow Crab**

This advisory announcement provides an update to observer coverage during the 2021/22 Bering Sea snow fishery. Due to anticipated fleet consolidation for the 2021/22 Bering Sea snow crab fishery, ADF&G has modified the observer deployment vessel selection plan for this fishery. To ensure observer coverage goals are met, all vessels pre-registered for this fishery have been selected for observer coverage.

Selected catcher vessels will be required to carry a crab observer during 100 percent of fishing activities in a designated fishery. It is the responsibility of the vessel captain to contact Saltwater Inc. to arrange observer coverage 10 days prior to beginning fishing operations, to include notification if you choose not to participate in this fishery.

**The vessel operator or agent of a selected vessel is responsible for contacting Saltwater Inc at (907) 539-2548 to coordinate observer coverage. Failure to provide a minimum of 10 days prior notice may delay fishing operations or result in enforcement action.**

Catcher vessel observer costs will be covered using a combination of ADF&G and federal cost-recovery funds. The state-contracted observer company, Saltwater Inc., will provide observers for catcher vessels. Processing vessels arrange and pay for their own observer coverage. Provisions are available for catcher-processor vessels to receive reimbursement from ADF&G for 30 percent of observer costs for Bering Sea snow and Tanner crab.

Observers will be equipped with their own rain gear, boots, gloves, survival suit, personal locator beacon, personal flotation device, and personal items. For vessels that carry observers, a complete listing of requirements are located the in 5 AAC 39.645 (i).

### ***COVID-19***

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>

**All questions regarding COVID-19 mitigation plans for assigned observers should be directed to Saltwater Inc.**

If you have concerns regarding observer coverage requirements, observer performance, or COVID-19 related concerns that are not addressed in the Saltwater Inc. COVID-19 mitigation plans, please contact the Shellfish Observer Program Manager directly at (907) 486-1854.

## Bering Sea Snow Crab

*All vessels that pre-season registered for Bering Sea snow crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.*

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADF&amp;G #</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADF&amp;G #</u>
Aleutian Lady	56126	Arctic Sea	33636
Saga	11022	Silver Dolphin	00121
Alaska Challenger	04100	Atlantico	00037
Kari Marie	50501	Arctic Mariner	31792
American Lady	00067	Island Mist	61791
Victory	77084	Confidence	06946
Storm Bird	46854	Ocean Fury	00097
Kustatan	60210	Pacific Sounder	00991
Pacific Mariner	00007	Bilikin	20745
Paragon	20734	Alaska Spirit	35949
Valiant	00996	Pinnacle	71174
Kiska Sea	61154	Fierce Allegiance	55111
Seabrooke	36800	Barbara J	44971
Tempo Sea	40817	North Sea	36047
Wizard	35265	Aleutian Mariner	35844
Polar Sea	00303	Constellation	35629
Karin Lynn	00524	Farrar sea	61954
Lady Alaska	61351	New venture	00004
Rollo	00030	Northwestern	29962
Arctic lady	37210	Keta	07189
Titan Explorer	40920	Nordic Mariner	00222
Handler	62436	Marahute	63333
Farwest Leader	35683	Early Dawn	00103
Southern Wind	40921	Trailblazer	33704
Provider	00058	Mystery Bay	62920
Bering Star	04147	Time Bandit	65577
Cornelia Marie	59109	Patricia Lee	35767
Kevleen K	00960	Silver Spray	60860
Aleutian Sable	72318	Pacific Sun	35977
Sandra Five	70770	Brenna A	38923
Summer Bay	41715	Kodiak	03525
Nuka Island	35640	Viekoda Bay	57971
Guardian	61571		
Bristol Mariner	08411		
Ballyhoo	03645		