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## **2022/23 Catcher Vessel Selection Lists for Observer Coverage for Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner Crab Fisheries**

This advisory announcement lists the catcher vessels selected from preseason vessel registrations for observer coverage during the 2022/23 Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries. Please note ADF&G has modified the vessel selection plan for these fisheries. To ensure observer coverage goals are met, all vessels pre-season registered for these fisheries are selected for observer coverage. It is the responsibility of the vessel captains to contact Saltwater, Inc. for observer coverage, to include notifying them if you choose not to participate in these fisheries. Saltwater Inc. may be contacted at (907) 539-2548. Failure to provide a minimum of 10 days' notice prior to vessel departure may delay fishing operations or result in enforcement action. Observer coverage waivers will not be issued if an observer is not available due to lack of sufficient notice.

Catcher vessels will be required to carry a crab observer during 100 percent of fishing activities in a designated fishery.

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. Catcher-processor 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 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, some of the regulatory requirements include:

- Display proof of compliance with United States Coast Guard vessel safety requirements;
- Provide food and accommodations equal to that of the vessel's crew;
- Provide daily fishing information and other information specified by ADF&G;
- Provide a safe work area to sample that is not regularly crowded with pots;
- Provide five totes to use at all times for sampling;
- Provide access to email or telephone for weekly catch reporting.

This list is not exhaustive. For a complete listing of requirements see 5 AAC 39.645 (i).

If you have concerns regarding observer coverage requirements or observer performance, please contact the Shellfish Observer Program Manager directly at (907) 486-1854.

The lists of catcher vessels selected to carry crab observers are as follows by fishery:

### **Western Bering Sea Snow Crab**

***All vessels** that preseason registered for Western Bering Sea Tanner crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.*

Alaska Challenger	04100	Marahute	63333
Aleutian Lady	56126	Mystery Bay	62920
Aleutian Mariner	35844	New Venture	00004
Aleutian Sable	72318	Nordic Mariner	00222
American Lady	00067	North Sea	36047
Arctic Lady	37210	Northwestern	29962
Arctic Mariner	31792	Nuka Island	35640
Arctic Sea	33696	Ocean Fury	00097
Atlantico	00037	Pacific Mariner	00007
Ballyhoo	03645	Pacific Sounder	00991
Barbara J	44971	Pacific Sun	35977
Bering Star	04147	Paragon	20734
Billikin	20745	Pinnacle	71174
Brenna A	38923	Polar Sea	00303
Bristol Mariner	08411	Provider	00058
Confidence	06946	Rollo	00030
Constellation	35629	Saga	11022
Farrar Sea	61954	Sandra Five	70770
Farwest Leader	35683	Seabrooke	36800
Guardian	61571	Silver Dolphin	00121
Island Mist	61791	Silver Spray	60860
Kari Marie	50501	Southern Wind	40921
Karin Lynn	00524	Summer Bay	41715
Keta	07189	Tempo Sea	40817
Kevleen K	00960	Titan Explorer	40920
Kiska Sea	61154	Trailblazer	33704
Kodiak	03525	Valiant	00996
Kustatan	60210	Victory	77084
Lady Alaska	61351	Viekoda Bay	57971
Lady Joanne	62922	Wizard	35265

## Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab

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Alaska Challenger	04100	Lady Joanne	62922
Aleutian Lady	56126	Marahute	63333
Aleutian Mariner	35844	Mystery Bay	62920
Aleutian Sable	72318	New Venture	00004
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