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**2023/24 Catcher Vessel Selection Lists for Observer Coverage for Bristol Bay Red King Crab,
Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner Crab Fisheries**

This advisory announcement serves as a reminder that 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 cost-recovery funds and federal 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 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 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:

Bristol Bay Red King Crab

All vessels that preseason registered for Bristol Bay red king crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.

Alaska Spirit	35949	Tempo Sea	40817
Arctic Lady	37210	Viekoda Bay	57971
Baranof	34855	American Lady	00067
Billikin	20745	Atlantico	00037
Constellation	35629	Bering Star	04147
Farrar Sea	61954	Brenna A	38923
Handler	62436	Cornelia Marie	59109
Keta	07189	Guardian	61571
Kodiak	03525	Karin Lynn	00524
Lady Joanne	62922	Kiska Sea	61154
North Sea	36047	Lady Alaska	61351
Ocean Fury	00097	Melanie	20363
Pinnacle	71174	Nuka Island	35640
Sandra Five	70770	Paragon	20734
Summer Bay	41715	Provider	00058
Victory	77084	Silver Spray	60860
Aleutian Lady	31792	Titan Explorer	40920
Arctic Sea	33696	Wizard	35265
Barbara J	44971		
Bountiful	34053		
Controller Bay	72847		
Fierce Allegiance	55111		
Kari Marie	50501		
Kevleen K	00960		
Kustatan	60210		
Marahute	63333		
Northwestern	29962		
Pacific Sun	35977		
Polar Sea	00303		
Silver Dolphin	00121		

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab

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

Aleutian Lady	31792	Arctic Lady	37210
Arctic Sea	33696	Baranof	34855
Barbara J	44971	Billikin	20745
Bountiful	34053	Constellation	35629
Cornelia Marie	59109	Farrar Sea	61954
Guardian	61571	Karin Lynn	00524
Keta	07189	Kiska Sea	61154
Kodiak	03525	Lady Alaska	61351
Lady Joanne	62922	North Sea	36047
Nuka Island	35640	Pacific Sun	35977
Paragon	20734	Polar Sea	00303
Sandra Five	70770	Silver Spray	60860
Summer Bay	41715	Titan Explorer	40920
Victory	77084	Wizard	35265
American Lady	00067		
Atlantico	00037		
Bering Star	04147		
Brenna A	38923		
Early Dawn	00103		
Kari Marie	50501		
Kevleen K	00960		
Kustatan	60210		
Marahute	63333		
Ocean Fury	00097		
Pinnacle	71174		
Silver Dolphin	00121		
Tempo Sea	40817		
Viekoda Bay	57971		

Western Bering Sea Tanner Crab

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

Aleutian Lady	31792	Victory	77084
Arctic Sea	33696	Arctic Lady	37210
Barbara J	44971	Baranof	34855
Bountiful	34053	Billikin	20745
Cornelia Marie	59109	Constellation	35629
Guardian	61571	Farrar Sea	61954
Keta	07189	Karin Lynn	00524
Kodiak	03525	Kiska Sea	61154
Lady Joanne	62922	Lady Alaska	61351
Northwestern	29962	North Sea	36047
Pacific Sun	35977	Ocean Fury	00097
Polar Sea	00303	Pinnacle	71174
Silver Spray	60860	Silver Dolphin	00121
Titan Explorer	40920	Tempo Sea	40817
Wizard	35265	Viekoda Bay	57971
American Lady	00067		
Atlantico	00037		
Bering Star	04147		
Brenna A	38923		
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Sandra Five	70770		
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