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**2014-2015 BERING SEA CRAB CATCHER VESSEL OBSERVER COVERAGE for  
BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB, BERING SEA SNOW CRAB and EASTERN &  
WESTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB FISHERIES**

This news release lists catcher vessels selected from preseason vessel registrations for observer coverage during the 2014-2015 Bristol Bay red king crab, Bering Sea snow crab, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries. Total allowable catches (TAC) will be announced in subsequent news releases; this news release does not guarantee that a fishery will open during the 2014-2015 season.

Each selected catcher vessel will be required to carry a crab observer during 100 percent of the time the vessel is conducting fishing activities in a designated fishery. In addition to vessels selected for observer coverage, a list of alternate vessels is provided in the order of selection to carry an observer if a selected vessel does not participate. If the alternate list is exhausted during a fishery or in the case of extenuating circumstances, all vessels that are actively fishing may be considered by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to achieve target observer coverage levels. Late registrants may be required to carry an observer.

ADF&G or the state-contracted observer company, Saltwater Inc., will provide observers for catcher vessels in the Bristol Bay red king crab, Bering Sea snow crab, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries. Catcher vessel observer costs in these fisheries will be covered using a combination of ADF&G cost-recovery funds and federal funds. Processing vessels arrange and pay for their own observer coverage. However, provisions are available for catcher-processor vessels to receive reimbursement from ADF&G for 20 percent of their observer costs for Bristol Bay red king crab, and 30 percent of observer costs for Bering Sea snow and Tanner crab. For more information please contact the ADF&G Dutch Harbor observer program office.

All vessels participating in Bering Sea crab fisheries, including those vessels selected to carry an observer, must display proof of compliance with United States Coast Guard (USCG) vessel

safety requirements. USCG dockside examinations are available in Seattle, Kodiak, and Dutch Harbor. USCG can be contacted at: (907) 581-3466 ext. 1 or (907) 359-1575 (after hours).

Each observer has rain gear, boots, gloves, survival suit, and a personal flotation device (PFD) for working on deck, along with their own bedding and personal items. Some of the regulatory requirements for a vessel assigned an observer include:

- Provide food and accommodations for the observer equal to those provided for the vessel's crew;
- Provide to the observer daily catch information for each string of fishing gear including statistical areas fished, number of crab retained, number of pots pulled, sample pot locations and other information specified by ADF&G;
- Provide a safe work area for the observer to sample that is not regularly crowded with crab pots and provide five totes for the observer to use at all times to hold the contents of crab pots for sampling;
- Assure observer access to single side band (SSB) radio, fax, email, satellite dispatch, or telephone.

Arrangements for an observer on selected catcher vessels must be made by the vessel captain or vessel's agent by notifying the ADF&G-contracted observer provider Saltwater Inc. at (907) 539-2548 or (907) 276-3241, at least 10 days prior to when each vessel plans to leave port.

The lists of catcher vessels and alternates selected to carry crab observers for Bristol Bay red king crab, Bering Sea snow crab, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries are as follows:

**BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB***Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open***Selected Vessels**

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Incentive	63000
Ocean Fury	00097
Alaska Spirit	35949
Pinnacle	71174
American Lady	00067
Aleutian Lady	56126
Southern Wind	40921
Aleutian Mariner	35844
Wizard	35265
Farwest Leader	35683
Arctic Lady	37210
Island Mist	61791
Karin Lynn	00524
Kona Kai	51347
Time Bandit	65577
Pacific Sun	35977

**Alternates**

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Northwestern	29962
Keta	07189
Cascade Mariner	00064
Early Dawn	00103
Pacific Sounder	00991
Cape Caution	46309
Ramblin Rose	59686
Destination	42234

**BERING SEA SNOW CRAB***Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open***Selected Vessels**

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Constellation	35629
Sea Star	00997
Island Mist	61791
Kustatan	60210
Arctic Lady	37210
Farwest Leader	35683
Guardian	61571
Wassilie B.	41715
Handler	62436
Valiant	00996
Aleutian Mariner	35844
Provider	00058
Barbara J	44971
Fierce Allegiance	55111
Keta	07189
Billikin	20745
Kona Kai	51347
Starfish	00012
Western Mariner	00963
Bristol Mariner	08411
Scandies Rose	35318
Karin Lynn	00524
Polar Lady	36822
Kodiak	03525

**Alternates**

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Nordic Mariner	00222
Cornelia Marie	59109
Pacific Mariner	00007
Kiska Sea	61154
Kevleen K	00960
Aleutian Sable	72318
Destination	42234
Atlantico	00037
Aleutian Lady	56126
Polar Sea	00303
Viekoda Bay	57971
Incentive	63000

**EASTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB***Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open*

**Due to the high number of vessels that preseason registered for this fishery compared to prior year participation levels, all vessels that preseason registered for Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.**

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Adventure	00965	Kustatan	60210
Aleutian Lady	56126	Nordic Mariner	00222
Aleutian Mariner	35844	North Sea	36047
Aleutian Sable	72318	Northwestern	29962
American Lady	00067	Ocean Fury	00097
Arctic Lady	37210	Ocean Hunter	40924
Arctic Mariner	31792	Pacific Mariner	00007
Arctic Sea	33696	Pacific Sounder	00991
Atlantico	00037	Pacific Sun	35977
Ballyhoo	03645	Paragon	20734
Barbara J	44971	Pinnacle	71174
Bering Hunter	60865	Polar Lady	36822
Bering Star	04147	Polar Sea	00303
Billikin	20745	Ramblin Rose	59686
Bristol Mariner	08411	Rollo	00030
Cape Caution	46309	Saga	11022
Cascade Mariner	00064	Sandra Five	70770
Constellation	35629	Scandies Rose	35318
Cornelia Marie	59109	Sea Star	00997
Destination	42234	Seabrooke	36800
Determined	35306	Silver Dolphin	00121
Farrar Sea	61954	Silver Spray	60860
Farwest Leader	35683	Southern Wind	40921
Guardian	61571	Tempo Sea	40817
Island Mist	61791	Trailblazer	33704
Jennifer A	35277	Valiant	00996
Kari Marie	50501	Victory	77084
Karin Lynn	00524	Viekoda Bay	57971
Keta	07189	Wassilie B.	41715
Kevleen K	00960	Western Mariner	00963
Kiska Sea	61154	Wizard	35265
Kodiak	03525	Zone Five	61718
Kona Kai	51347		

**WESTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB***Publication of this list does not guarantee that a fishery will open*

**Due to the high number of vessels that preseason registered for this fishery compared to prior year participation levels, all vessels that preseason registered for Western Bering Sea Tanner crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.**

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Adventure	00965	Kustatan	60210
Aleutian Lady	56126	Nordic Mariner	00222
Aleutian Mariner	35844	North Sea	36047
Aleutian Sable	72318	Northwestern	29962
American Lady	00067	Ocean Fury	00097
Arctic Lady	37210	Ocean Hunter	40924
Arctic Mariner	31792	Pacific Mariner	00007
Arctic Sea	33696	Pacific Sounder	00991
Atlantico	00037	Pacific Sun	35977
Ballyhoo	03645	Paragon	20734
Barbara J	44971	Pinnacle	71174
Bering Hunter	60865	Polar Lady	36822
Bering Star	04147	Polar Sea	00303
Billikin	20745	Ramblin Rose	59686
Bristol Mariner	08411	Rollo	00030
Cape Caution	46309	Saga	11022
Cascade Mariner	00064	Sandra Five	70770
Constellation	35629	Scandies Rose	35318
Cornelia Marie	59109	Sea Star	00997
Destination	42234	Seabrooke	36800
Determined	35306	Silver Dolphin	00121
Farrar Sea	61954	Silver Spray	60860
Farwest Leader	35683	Southern Wind	40921
Guardian	61571	Tempo Sea	40817
Island Mist	61791	Trailblazer	33704
Jennifer A	35277	Valiant	00996
Kari Marie	50501	Victory	77084
Karin Lynn	00524	Viekoda Bay	57971
Keta	07189	Wassilie B.	41715
Kevleen K	00960	Western Mariner	00963
Kiska Sea	61154	Wizard	35265
Kodiak	03525	Zone Five	61718
Kona Kai	51347		