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**2018/19 CATCHER VESSEL SELECTION
FOR OBSERVER COVERAGE FOR BRISTOL BAY RED KING,
BERING SEA SNOW, AND
EASTERN AND WESTERN BERING SEA TANNER CRAB FISHERIES**

This news release lists catcher vessels selected from preseason vessel registrations for observer coverage during the 2018/19 Bristol Bay red king, Bering Sea snow, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries. Total allowable catches (TAC) will be announced in subsequent news releases during October; this news release does not imply a fishery will open during the 2018/19 season.

Selected catcher vessels will be required to carry a crab observer during 100 percent of fishing activities in a designated fishery. If a selected vessel does not participate, a vessel from the alternate list may carry an observer. 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 to achieve target observer coverage levels. Late registrants may be required to carry an observer.

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 in the Bristol Bay red king, Bering Sea snow, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries. 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.

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).

Observers will be equipped with their own rain gear, boots, gloves, survival suit, personal locator beacon, personal flotation device, bedding, and personal items.

For vessels that carry observers, some of the regulatory requirements include:

- Provide food and accommodations for the observer equal to that of the vessel's crew;
- Provide to the observer daily catch information for each string of fishing gear including pot locations, statistical areas fished, number of pots lifted, number of crab retained, 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;
- 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 radio, fax, email, satellite dispatch, or telephone for weekly catch reporting.

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

The captain or agent of a selected vessel is responsible for contacting Saltwater Inc. at (907) 539-2548 to provide their vessel's fishing plans and coordinate observer coverage. Failure to provide a minimum of 10 days prior notice may delay fishing operations.

If you have any 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 and alternate vessels selected to carry crab observers for Bristol Bay red king, Bering Sea snow, and Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries are as follows:

BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB

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SELECTED VESSELS

<i><u>Vessel Name</u></i>	<i><u>ADF&G #</u></i>
Kustatan	60210
Fierce Allegiance	55111
Aleutian Lady	56126
North Sea	36047
Nuka Island	35640
Island Mist	61791
Farrar Sea	61954
Melanie	20363
Western Mariner	00963
Valiant	00996
Northwestern	29962
Arctic Mariner	31792
Cascade Mariner	00064
Sea Star	00997
Pacific Sun	35977

ALTERNATES

<i><u>Vessel Name</u></i>	<i><u>ADF&G #</u></i>
Time Bandit	65577
Farwest Leader	35683
Brenna A	38923
Viekoda Bay	57971
Cornelia Marie	59109
Seabrooke	36800
Polar Sea	00303
Aleutian Mariner	35844
Provider	00058
Determined	35306

BERING SEA SNOW CRAB

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SELECTED VESSELS

ALTERNATES

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADF&G #</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADF&G #</u>
Guardian	61571	Paragon	20734
Western Mariner	00963	Viekoda Bay	57971
Kiska Sea	61154	Sandra Five	70770
North Sea	36047	Nordic Mariner	00222
Fierce Allegiance	55111	Brenna A	38923
American Lady	00067	Sea Star	00997
Arctic Lady	37210	Early Dawn	00103
Aleutian Lady	56726	Barbara J	44971
Ocean Fury	00097	Constellation	35629
Seabrooke	36800	Bristol Mariner	08411
Provider	00058	Silver Dolphin	00121
Adventure	00965	Arctic Mariner	31792
Kevleen K	00960	Silver Spray	60860
Northwestern	29962	Karin Lynn	00524
Polar Sea	00303	Island Mist	61791
Ramblin Rose	59686		
Zone Five	61718		
Storm Bird	46854		
Nuka Island	35640		
Big Blue	37241		
Aleutian No. 1	05992		
Atlantico	00037		
Victory	77084		
Patricia Lee	35767		
Pacific Sun	35977		

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's 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>ADF&G #</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADF&G #</u>
Adventure	00965	Kustatan	60210
Alaska Challenger	04100	Nordic Mariner	00222
Alaska Spirit	35949	North Sea	36047
Aleutian Lady	56126	Northwestern	29962
Aleutian Mariner	35844	Nuka Island	35640
Aleutian No. 1	05992	Ocean Fury	00097
American Beauty	61223	Ocean Hunter	40924
American Lady	00067	Pacific Mariner	00007
Arctic Lady	37210	Pacific Sounder	00991
Arctic Mariner	31792	Pacific Sun	35977
Arctic Sea	33696	Paragon	20734
Atlantico	00037	Patricia Lee	35767
Barbara J	44971	Pinnacle	71174
Bering Star	04147	Polar Sea	00303
Billikin	20745	Ramblin Rose	59686
Brenna A	38923	Rollo	00030
Bristol Mariner	08411	Scandies Rose	35318
Cascade Mariner	00064	Seabrooke	36800
Constellation	35629	Sea Star	00997
Cornelia Marie	59109	Silver Dolphin	00121
Determined	35306	Silver Spray	60860
Farrar Sea	61954	Southern Wind	40921
Farwest Leader	35683	Summer Bay	41715
Guardian	61571	Tempo Sea	40817
Island Mist	61791	Time Bandit	65577
Jennifer A	35277	Trailblazer	33704
Kari Marie	50501	Valiant	00996
Karin Lynn	00524	Victory	77084
Keta	07189	Viekoda Bay	57971
Kevleen K	00960	Western Mariner	00963
Kiska Sea	61154	Wizard	35265
Kodiak	03525	Zone Five	61718
Kona Kai	51347		

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 in prior seasons, 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>ADF&G #</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADF&G #</u>
Adventure	00965	Kona Kai	51347
Alaska Spirit	35949	Kustatan	60210
Aleutian Lady	56126	Nordic Mariner	00222
Aleutian Mariner	35844	North Sea	36047
American Beauty	61223	Nuka Island	35640
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
Barbara J	44971	Paragon	20734
Bering Star	04147	Pinnacle	71174
Billikin	20745	Polar Sea	00303
Brenna A	38923	Ramblin Rose	59686
Bristol Mariner	08411	Rollo	00030
Cascade Mariner	00064	Scandies Rose	35318
Constellation	35629	Seabrooke	36800
Cornelia Marie	59109	Sea Star	00997
Determined	35306	Silver Dolphin	00121
Farrar Sea	61954	Silver Spray	60860
Farwest Leader	35683	Southern Wind	40921
Guardian	61571	Summer Bay	41715
Island Mist	61791	Tempo Sea	40817
Jennifer A	35277	Trailblazer	33704
Kari Marie	50501	Valiant	00996
Karin Lynn	00524	Victory	77084
Keta	07189	Viekoda Bay	57971
Kevleen K	00960	Western Mariner	00963
Kiska Sea	61154	Wizard	35265
Kodiak	03525	Zone Five	61718

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