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**CATCHER-VESSEL OBSERVER COVERAGE for 2012/13 BRISTOL BAY RED KING
CRAB, BERING SEA SNOW CRAB 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 2012/13 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 2012/13 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 to achieve the targeted level of observer coverage. Late registrants may be required to carry an observer.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (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.

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.

Observers have 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 and necessary gear, including 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 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., Dutch Harbor field office phone (907) 581-6611, or Anchorage main office phone (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

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Selected Vessels		Alternates	
<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Paragon	20734	Farrar Sea	61954
Arctic Sea	33696	Barbara J	44971
Amatuli	03535	Silver Dolphin	00121
Starfish	00012	Rollo	00030
Bulldog	00131	Controller Bay	72847
Icy Bay	35286	Storm Bird	46854
Farwest Leader	35683	Sea Star	00997
Incentive	63000		
Atlantico	00037		
Western Mariner	00963		
Aleutian Mariner	35844		
Nuka Island	35640		
Island Mist	61791		
Destination	42234		
Wassilie B	41715		
Viking Queen	06434		

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

Selected Vessels		Alternates	
<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Arctic Lady	37210	Early Dawn	00103
Billikin	20745	Silver Dolphin	00121
Aleutian Lady	56126	Pinnacle	71174
Kevleen K	00960	Kodiak	03525
Wizard	35265	Maverick	45706
Polar Lady	36822	Scandies Rose	35318
Silver Spray	60860	Nuka Island	35640
Fierce Allegiance	55111		
Zone Five	61718		
Arctic Mariner	31792		
Kona Kai	51347		
Arctic Sea	33696		
Constellation	35629		
Nordic Mariner	00222		
Mystery Bay	62920		
Big Blue	37241		
Bering Hunter	60865		
Sea Star	00997		
Western Mariner	00963		
Atlantico	00037		
Wassilie B	41715		
Bering Sea	00052		
Ramblin Rose	59686		
Viking Queen	06434		

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

Selected Vessels		Alternates	
<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Polar Lady	36822	Trailblazer	33704
Kari Marie	50501	Icy Bay	35286
Wizard	35265	Early Dawn	00103
Farwest Leader	35683	Kevleen K	00960
Western Mariner	00963	Constellation	35269
Scandies Rose	35318	Sandra Five	70770
Maverick	45706	Time Bandit	65577
Fierce Allegiance	55111		
Viking Queen	06434		
Destination	42234		
Arctic Mariner	31792		
Arctic Sea	33696		
Island Mist	61791		
Karin Lynn	00524		
Pacific Mariner	00007		
Bering Hunter	60865		
Wassilie B	41715		
Big Blue	37241		
Pacific Sounder	00991		
American Lady	00067		
Pinnacle	71174		

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

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Guardian	61571
Island Mist	61791
Rollo	00030
Big Blue	37241
Constellation	35269
Karin Lynn	00524
Ocean Fury	00097
Wizard	35265
Bering Sea	00052
Fierce Allegiance	55111
Seabrooke	36800
Northwestern	29962
Western Mariner	00963
Atlantico	00037
Kona Kai	51347
Arctic Sea	33696
Maverick	45706
Zone Five	61718
Kari Marie	50501
Farrar Sea	61954
Icy Bay	35286

Alternates

<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Silver Dolphin	00121
Keta	07189
Adventure	00965
Determined	35306
Polar Sea	00303
Cascade Mariner	00064
Pacific Sun	35977