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**CATCHER-VESSEL OBSERVER COVERAGE IN THE
2011/12 BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB
AND BERING SEA SNOW CRAB FISHERIES**

This news release lists catcher vessels, selected from preseason vessel registrations, for observer coverage in the Bristol Bay red king crab and Bering Sea snow crab fisheries. Each selected catcher vessel will be required to carry a crab observer during 100% 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. Late registrants may be required to carry an observer.

Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) or the state-contracted observer company Saltwater Inc., will provide observers for catcher vessels in the Bristol Bay red king crab and Bering Sea snow 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 provide proof of compliance with United States Coast Guard (USCG) vessel safety requirements. USCG dockside examinations are available in Puget Sound, Kodiak, and Dutch Harbor.

Observers will have their own rain gear, boots, gloves, survival suit, and personal flotation device (PFD) for working on deck, along with their own bedding and personal items. Some of the regulatory requirements for vessels that carry observers include:

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- 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 observer coverage on catcher vessels selected to carry an observer must be made by the vessel captain or vessel's agent by notifying the department-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 in the Bristol Bay red king crab and Bering Sea snow crab fisheries are as follows:

BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB

Selected Vessels		Alternates	
<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>	<u>Vessel Name</u>	<u>ADFG#</u>
Billikin	20745	Scandies Rose	35318
Arctic Hunter	32554	Nuka Island	35640
Constellation	35269	American Lady	00067
Icy Bay	35286	Guardian	61571
Bering Star	04147	Polar Sea	00303
Karin Lynn	00524	Pacific Sun	35977
Arctic Mariner	31792	Kodiak	03525
Kiska Sea	61154	Controller Bay	72847
Viekoda Bay	57971	Big Blue	37241
Trailblazer	33704	Tempo Sea	40817
Southern Wind	40921	Kona Kai	51347
Kustatan	60210	Rollo	00030
North Sea	36047	Arctic Sea	33696
Wizard	35265	Atlantico	00037
Viking Queen	06434	Sandra Five	70770
Farwest Leader	35683	Northwestern	29962

BERING SEA SNOW CRAB

Selected Vessels		Alternates	
<i>Vessel Name</i>	<i>ADFG#</i>	<i>Vessel Name</i>	<i>ADFG#</i>
Adventure	00965	Jennifer A	35277
Erla N	20556	Bulldog	00131
Bering Star	04147	Big Blue	37241
Bering Sea	00052	Atlantico	00037
American Lady	00067	Western	00963
		Mariner	
Kevleen K	00960	Mystery Bay	62920
Ocean Fury	00097	Aleutian No.	05992
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Barbara J	44971	North Sea	36047
Royal Viking	03718	Bristol Mariner	08411
Nuka Island	35640	Northwestern	29962
Time Bandit	65577	Arctic Sea	33696
Fierce	55111	Nordic Mariner	00222
Allegiance			
Controller Bay	72847	Destination	42234
Icy Bay	35286	Provider	00058
Vixen	70030	Kodiak	03525
Arctic Hunter	32554	Viekoda Bay	57971
Zone Five	61718	Kari Marie	50501
Cape Caution	46309	Pacific Mariner	00007
Constellation	35629	Seabrooke	36800
Trailblazer	33704	Kona Kai	51347
Arctic Lady	37210	Farwest Leader	35683
Southern Wind	40921	Pacific Sun	35977
Cascade Mariner	00064	Storm Bird	46854
Paragon	20734	Early Dawn	00103