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2021 ST. MATTHEW ISLAND BLUE KING CRAB SURVEY – SEEKING CRAB-POT VESSEL FOR CHARTER

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game plans to conduct blue king crab research in the St. Matthew Island Section of the Bearing Sea (Area 'Q') during August and September 2021 and are seeking a commercial crab-pot fishing vessel for charter. The St. Matthew Island blue king crab survey will be 21 days with a start date of approximately August 15; the actual starting date is negotiable between August 7 and August 18, 2021. The charter requires a vessel 110 feet or greater in overall length and a US Coast Guard licensed captain. The charter will begin and end in Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

The Invitation-to-Bid (ITB 210000026) is available at the State of Alaska Online Public Notice website: <http://notice.alaska.gov/201931>. Bids must be received before 1:30 PM (AKDT) on April 30, 2021.

For information on charter activities or survey objectives, please contact Andy Nault at (907) 486-1891 or andrew.nault@alaska.gov.

For procedural questions on the bidding process, please contact Dave Mitchell at (907) 465-4131 or dave.mitchell@alaska.gov.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>