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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2025 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 (Bering Sea Area 'Q') during late summer/early fall 2025 and will be chartering a commercial crab-pot fishing vessel. The St. Matthew Island blue king crab survey charter will be 21 days with a negotiable start date between August 10 and September 6, 2025. The charter requires a vessel of 115 feet or greater in overall length and 30 feet or greater in beam. The charter will begin and end in Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

The Invitation-to-Bid (ADF&G ITB # 2025-1100-0339 St. Matthew I. Blue King Crab Survey Charter) is available at the State of Alaska Online Public Notices website: <http://notice.alaska.gov/219325>.

Bids must be received before 2:00 P.M. Alaska Time on May 15, 2025.

For information on charter activities or survey objectives, please contact Andy Nault at [andrew.nault@alaska.gov](mailto:andrew.nault@alaska.gov) or (907) 486-1891, or Vicki Vanek at [vicki.vanek@alaska.gov](mailto:vicki.vanek@alaska.gov) or (907) 486-1890.

For procedural questions on the bidding process, please contact Eric Verrelli at [eric.verrelli@alaska.gov](mailto:eric.verrelli@alaska.gov) or (907) 465-6178.

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