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2025/26 Catcher Vessel Selection Lists for Observer Coverage for Bristol Bay Red King, Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner (bairdi), and Bering Sea Snow (opilio) Crab Fisheries

This advisory announcement serves as reminder that all vessels pre-season registered for the 2025/26 Bristol Bay red king, Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner (bairdi), and Bering Sea snow (opilio) crab fisheries are selected for crab observer coverage. Vessel selection does not imply a fishery will open during the 2025/26 season. Fishery information will be announced by subsequent ADF&G advisory announcement.

The state-contracted observer company, Saltwater Inc., will provide observers for catcher vessels. Vessel operators or authorized agents are responsible for contacting Saltwater to coordinate observer coverage, to include notifying Saltwater if you choose to not participate in these fisheries.

Saltwater may be contacted at: (907) 539-2548.

ADF&G will deploy observers during the 2025/26 rationalized crab season consistent with the partial coverage deployment objectives for each fishery defined in state regulation (5 AAC 39.645 (c)(d)). Vessels not selected for observer coverage will be issued an observer coverage waiver. **Failure to provide Saltwater a minimum of 10 days' advance notice prior to vessel departure may delay fishing operations or result in enforcement action. Observer coverage waivers will not be issued if an observer is not available due to lack of sufficient notice.**

If selected to carry a crab observer, catcher vessels will be required to carry an observer during 100 percent of fishing activities in a designated fishery. Catcher vessel observer deployment costs will be paid for using a combination of ADF&G and federal cost-recovery funding. Processing vessels arrange and pay for their own observer coverage. Catcher-processor vessels may receive reimbursement from ADF&G for up to 30 percent of observer deployment costs for Bristol Bay red king, Bering Sea Tanner, and Bering Sea snow crab.

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

For vessels that carry observers, important regulatory requirements include:

- Display proof of compliance with United States Coast Guard vessel safety requirements;
- Provide food and accommodations equal to that of the vessel's crew;
- Provide daily fishing information and other information specified by ADF&G;
- Provide a safe work area to sample that is not regularly crowded with pots;
- Provide five totes to use at all times for sampling;
- Provide access to email or telephone for catch reporting.

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

If you have questions or concerns regarding observer coverage requirements or observer performance, please contact the Shellfish Observer Program Coordinator directly at (907) 486-1854.

Bristol Bay Red King Crab

All vessels that preseason registered for Bristol Bay red king crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.

Alaska Spirit	35949	Kiska Sea	61154
Aleutian Lady	31792	Kodiak	03525
American Lady	00067	Kustatan	60210
Arctic Lady	37210	Lady Alaska	61351
Arctic Sea	33696	Marahute	63333
Atlantico	00037	North Sea	36047
Baranof	34855	Northwestern	29962
Barbara J	44971	Nuka Island	35640
Bering Star	04147	Ocean Fury	00097
Billikin	20745	Pacific Mariner	00007
Bountiful	34053	Pacific Sun	35977
Cape Caution	46309	Paragon	20734
Confidence	06946	Pinnacle	71174
Constellation	35629	Polar Sea	00303
Controller Bay	72847	Provider	00058
Cornelia Marie	59109	Sandra Five	70770
Early Dawn	00103	Silver Dolphin	00121
Farrar Sea	61954	Silver Spray	60860
Fierce Allegiance	55111	Summer Bay	41715
Handler	62436	Time Bandit	65577
Island Mist	61791	Titan Explorer	40920
Kari Marie	50501	Trailblazer	33704
Karin Lynn	00524	Victory	77084
Keta	07189	Viekoda Bay	57971
Kevleen K	00960	Wizard	35265

Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab

All vessels that preseason registered for Eastern Bering Sea tanner crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.

Alaska Spirit	35949	Kiska Sea	61154
Aleutian Lady	31792	Kodiak	03525
Aleutian No. 1	05992	Kustatan	60210
American Lady	00067	Lady Alaska	61351
Arctic Lady	37210	Marahute	63333
Arctic Sea	33696	North Sea	36047
Atlantico	00037	Northwestern	29962
Baranof	34855	Nuka Island	35640
Barbara J	44971	Ocean Fury	00097
Bering Star	04147	Pacific Mariner	00007
Billikin	20745	Pacific Sun	35977
Bountiful	34053	Paragon	20734
Bristol Mariner	08411	Pinnacle	71174
Cape Caution	46309	Polar Sea	00303
Confidence	06946	Provider	00058
Constellation	35629	Sandra Five	70770
Cornelia Marie	59109	Silver Dolphin	00121
Farrar Sea	61954	Silver Spray	60860
Guardian	61571	Summer Bay	41715
Handler	62436	Titan Explorer	40920
Island Mist	61791	Trailblazer	33704
Kari Marie	50501	Victory	77084
Karin Lynn	00524	Viekoda Bay	57971
Keta	07189	Wizard	35265
Kevleen K	00960		

Western Bering Sea Tanner Crab

All vessels that preseason registered for Western Bering Sea tanner crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.

Alaska Spirit	35949	Kiska Sea	61154
Aleutian Lady	31792	Kodiak	03525
Aleutian No. 1	05992	Kustatan	60210
American Lady	00067	Lady Alaska	61351
Arctic Lady	37210	Marahute	63333
Arctic Sea	33696	North Sea	36047
Atlantico	00037	Northwestern	29962
Baranof	34855	Nuka Island	35640
Barbara J	44971	Ocean Fury	00097
Bering Star	04147	Pacific Mariner	00007
Billikin	20745	Pacific Sun	35977
Bountiful	34053	Paragon	20734
Bristol Mariner	08411	Pinnacle	71174
Cape Caution	46309	Polar Sea	00303
Confidence	06946	Provider	00058
Constellation	35629	Sandra Five	70770
Cornelia Marie	59109	Silver Dolphin	00121
Farrar Sea	61954	Silver Spray	60860
Guardian	61571	Summer Bay	41715
Handler	62436	Titan Explorer	40920
Island Mist	61791	Trailblazer	33704
Kari Marie	50501	Victory	77084
Karin Lynn	00524	Viekoda Bay	57971
Keta	07189	Wizard	35265
Kevleen K	00960		

Bering Sea Snow Crab

All vessels that preseason registered for Bering Sea snow crab are listed and should be prepared to carry an observer.

Alaska Spirit	35949	Kevleen K	00960
Aleutian Lady	31792	Kiska Sea	61154
Aleutian No. 1	05992	Kodiak	03525
American Lady	00067	Kustatan	60210
Arctic Lady	37210	Lady Alaska	61351
Arctic Sea	33696	Marahute	63333
Atlantico	00037	North Sea	36047
Baranof	34855	Northwestern	29962
Barbara J	44971	Nuka Island	35640
Bering Star	04147	Ocean Fury	00097
Billikin	20745	Pacific Mariner	00007
Bountiful	34053	Pacific Sun	35977
Bristol Mariner	08411	Paragon	20734
Cape Caution	46309	Pinnacle	71174
Confidence	06946	Polar Sea	00303
Constellation	35629	Provider	00058
Cornelia Marie	59109	Sandra Five	70770
Farrar Sea	61954	Silver Dolphin	00121
Fierce Allegiance	55111	Silver Spray	60860
Guardian	61571	Summer Bay	41715
Handler	62436	Titan Explorer	40920
Island Mist	61791	Trailblazer	33704
Kari Marie	50501	Victory	77084
Karin Lynn	00524	Viekoda Bay	57971
Keta	07189	Wizard	35265

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