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Table 1. Observer coverage level goals in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab fisheries.

Fishery	Preseason registration deadline ^a	Catcher vessels (C/V)		Catcher processors (C/P)	
		Observer coverage	Observer costs funded ^b	Observer coverage	Observer costs funded
Saint Matthew Island Section blue king crab (SMB)	none	100%	no	100%	no
Saint Matthew Island Section golden king crab	none	100%	no	100%	no
Pribilof District red & blue king crab (PIK)	none	100%	no	100%	no
Pribilof District golden king crab	none	100%	no	100%	no
Bristol Bay red king crab (BBR)	Sep-24	20% ^c	yes	100%	20% ^d
Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab (EBT)	Sep-24	30–100% ^c	yes	100%	30% ^d
Western Bering Sea Tanner crab (WBT)	Sep-24	30–100% ^c	yes	100%	30% ^d
Bering Sea snow crab (BSS)	Sep-24	30-100% ^c	yes	100%	30% ^d
Bering Sea hair crab	none	100%	no	100%	no
Area J grooved and triangle Tanner crab	none	100%	no	100%	no
Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab (EAG)	none	50% ^c	yes	100%	no
Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab (WAG)	none	50% ^c	yes	100%	no
Aleutian Islands red king crab between 171° W long and 179° W long	none	100%	no	100%	no
Western Aleutian Islands red king crab west of 179° W long (WAI)	none	100%	no	100%	no

^a When the preseason vessel registration deadline occurs on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.

^b C/V observer coverage is funded with test-fishery revenues and federal crab rationalization funds.

^c For Bristol Bay red king, Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner, and Bering Sea snow crab, C/V observer coverage is the percentage of randomly selected C/Vs preseason registered for each fishery where C/V observer deployment costs are paid with Bristol Bay red king crab test-fishery revenues and federal crab rationalization funds.

^d For C/Ps fishing Bristol Bay red king, Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner, and Bering Sea snow crab, a percentage of the C/P observer coverage is refunded through ADF&G contracts and paid with Bristol Bay red king crab test-fishery revenues.

^e For Aleutian Islands golden king crab, coverage is set at a percentage of the harvest on each C/V during each of three trimesters where C/V observer deployment costs are paid with Aleutian Islands golden king crab test-fishery revenues.

Table 1b. FY25 Observer coverage levels by fishery.

2024/25 BBR Observed Summary				
Observers Onboard	Landed Weight	% Weight Obs	Days at Sea	% Days at Sea
Not Observed	1,550,127	67.05%	292	73.92%
Observed	761,814	32.95%	103	26.08%

2024/25 BSS Observed Summary				
Observers Onboard	Landed Weight	% Weight Obs	Days at Sea	% Days at Sea
Not Observed	2,522,940	53.34%	419	64.71%
Observed	2,206,581	46.66%	213	35.29%

2024/25 WBT Observed Summary				
Observers Onboard	Landed Weight	% Weight Obs	Days at Sea	% Days at Sea
Not Observed	2,726,409	60.34%	700	66.59%
Observed	1,791,925	39.66%	464	33.41%

2024/25 EBT Observed Summary				
Observers Onboard	Landed Weight	% Weight Obs	Days at Sea	% Days at Sea
Not Observed	1,174,918	66.40%	269	54.23%
Observed	594,458	33.60%	227	45.77%

2024/25 EAG Observed Summary			
Observers Onboard	Landed Weight (sum)	Landed Weight Observed	% Observed
1st Trimester			
Observed	2,165,414	906,151	42%
2nd Trimester			
Observed	583,820	418,870	72%
3rd Trimester			
Observed	1,012,546	559,475	55%

2024/25 WAG Observed Summary			
Observers Onboard	Landed Weight (sum)	Landed Weight Observed	% Observed
1st Trimester			
Observed	570,973	120,126	21%
2nd Trimester			
Observed	551,820	409,182	74%
3rd Trimester			
Observed	0	-	N/A

Table 2. Summary of FY25 Bristol Bay red king crab test-fishery account revenues and expenses. *As of 6/2/25

Bering Sea test-fishery budget allocation	
Test-fishery account balance carried forward from FY24 into FY25	\$ 990,000
Test-fishery revenue	\$ 650,000
Sum of carry forward and revenue	\$ 1,640,000
Test-fishery expenditures	\$ 698,132
Test-fishery account funds to be carried forward from FY25 for start up funds in FY26	<u>\$ 941,868</u>

Table 3. Number and % of registered catcher vessels selected for observer coverage for Bering Sea crab fisheries.

Fiscal Year	BBR				BSS				EBT ^c				WBT ^c			
	# C/Vs preseason registered ^a	registered C/V effort	# C/Vs observed	% C/Vs observed	# C/Vs preseason registered ^a	registered C/V effort	# C/Vs observed	% C/Vs observed	# C/Vs preseason registered ^a	registered C/V effort	# C/Vs observed	% C/Vs observed	# C/Vs preseason registered ^a	registered C/V effort	# C/Vs observed	% C/Vs observed
FY18	78	61	16	26 ^f	78	59	15	25 ^f	71	FC	FC	FC	74	30	12	40 ^f
FY19	72	55	13	24	73	61	20	33	62	FC	FC	FC	67	33	16	48
FY20	77	59	14	24	79	59	24	41	69	FC	FC	FC	74	FC	FC	FC
FY21	72	47	11	23	73	58	20	34	68	FC	FC	FC	65	31	7	23
FY22	51	FC	FC	FC	70	42	11	26	60	FC	FC	FC	63	18	7	39
FY23	54	FC	FC	FC	56	FC	FC	FC	40	17	8	47	44	14	6	43
FY24	48	30	9	30	41	FC	FC	FC	40	15	7	47	41	15	12	80
FY25	47	34	8	24	46	25	10	40	43	19	9	47	43	21	9	43

Note: BBR = Bristol Bay red king crab, BSS = Bering Sea snow crab, EBT = Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab, WBT = Western Bering Sea Tanner crab, C/V = Catcher vessel, NP = No projection, and FC = Fishery closed

^a Selection of C/Vs for observer coverage is based on the number of C/Vs preseason registered with intent to fish. The deadline for preseason registration is September 24. Vessels are allowed to late-register if certain criteria are met.

^c Beginning October 15, 2008 vessels may no longer be registered to harvest Bering Sea Tanner crab and Bering Sea snow crab at the same time aside from a 5% incidental take allowance.

^f Some C/Vs were allowed to carry an observer for only a portion of their snow or Tanner crab harvest dependent on vessel fishing plans and observer availability; the % CVs observed may not match the % harvest observed.

Table 4. Observer deployment and program support costs funded with Bristol Bay test-fishery revenues. This table does not reflect observer program costs paid with crab rationalization federal fee reimbursements.

Fiscal Year	Observer deployment costs				Program support costs				Total
	BBR C/V	BSS C/V	EBT	BBR, BSS,	Office overhead	Admin	Cost-rec	Office personnel	Total expenses
			and WBT C/V	EBT, and WBT C/P					
FY18	\$ 38,328	\$ 73,761	\$ 27,127	\$ 19,539	\$ 35,052	\$ 4,593	\$ 8,275	\$ 303,106	\$ 509,781
FY19	\$ 30,644	\$ 124,064	\$ 34,183	\$ 10,946	\$ 718	\$ 5,913	\$ 6,004	\$ 341,951	\$ 554,423
FY20	\$ 35,491	\$ 179,422	FC	\$ 13,299	\$ 11,445	\$ 5,024	\$ 3,700	\$ 230,092	\$ 478,473
FY21	\$ 17,503	\$ 143,433	\$ 17,295	\$ 22,608	\$ 3,572	\$ 2,238	\$ 5,377	\$ 196,959	\$ 408,984
FY22	\$ -	\$ 37,018	\$ 20,570	\$ 2,558	\$ 110	\$ -	\$ 4,004	\$ 197,849	\$ 262,218
FY23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,018	\$ -	\$ 2,668	\$ 2,909	\$ 2,840	\$ 148,181	\$ 176,616
FY24	\$ 29,058	\$ -	\$ 55,483	\$ 2,394	\$ 6,301	\$ 3,587	\$ -	\$ 41,986	\$ 138,809
FY25	\$ 16,558	\$ 40,908	\$ 68,073	\$ -	\$ 6,023	\$ 15,314	\$ 6,904	\$ 491,350	\$ 645,131
% observer C/V deployment costs by fishery									
	BBR	BSS	WBT,EBT						
FY20	16%	84%	FC						
FY21	10%	80%	10%						
FY22	0%	64%	36%						
FY23	0%	0%	100%						
FY24	34%	0%	66%						
FY25	13%	33%	54%						

Table 5. The 2024/25 Bristol Bay red king crab fishery C/V observer deployment costs paid with test-fishery revenues, and average observer deployment lengths since 2017/18.

	Source of Cost		Totals
	ADF&G	SOA contract	
Number of deployments	0	8	Total deployments 8
Observer deployment days	0	108	Total deployment days 108
Cost of observers ^a	\$ -	\$ 16,558	Total observer personnel \$ 16,558
Expenses per source between Anchorage and Dutch Harbor for transportation, and room and board ^a	\$ -	\$ -	Total non-remote \$ -
Expenses per source between Dutch Harbor and remote ports for transportation, and room and board	\$ -	\$ -	Total remote \$ -
			Total costs \$ 16,558

Average C/V observer deployment lengths since 2017/18			
Season	Fishery length (days)	Average deployment length (days) ^c	Deployment duration range (days) ^d
2017/18	93	18	8-32
2018/19	93	18	7-23
2019/20	93	17	7-25
2020/21	93	11	6-23
2021/22	FC	FC	FC
2022/23	FC	FC	FC
2023/24	93	15	8-20
2024/25	93	11	7-16

Note: BBR = Bristol Bay red king crab, C/V = Catcher vessel

^aADF&G staff lodge in state housing when available. Costs for contract observer transportation and room and board, except travel to remote ports, are included in the contract cost of \$420/day.

^cObservers frequently deploy more than once during a fishery.

^dRange includes the single shortest observer deployment to the single longest deployment.

Table 6. The 2024/25 Bering Sea snow crab fishery C/V observer deployment costs paid with test-fishery revenues, and average observer deployment lengths since 2017/18.

	Source of Cost		Totals
	ADF&G	SOA contract	
Number of deployments	0	10	Total deployments 10
Observer deployment days	0	250	Total deployment days 250
Cost of observers ^a	\$ -	\$ 38,330	Total observer personnel ^f \$ 38,330
Expenses per source between Anchorage and Dutch Harbor for transportation, and room and board ^a	\$ -	\$ -	Total non-remote \$ -
Expenses per source between Dutch Harbor and remote ports for transportation, and room and board	\$ -	\$ 2,579	Total remote \$ 2,579
			Total costs \$ 40,908
Average C/V observer deployment lengths since 2017/18			
Season	Fishery length (days)	Average deployment length (days) ^e	Deployment duration range (days) ^d
2017/18	229	40	17-75
2018/19	229	39	4-86
2019/20	229	57	15-103
2020/21	229	60	12-144
2021/22	229	27	5-58
2022/23	FC	FC	FC
2023/24	FC	FC	FC
2024/25	229	23	16-38

Note: BSS = Bering Sea snow crab, C/V = Catcher vessel

^aADF&G staff lodge in state housing when available. Costs for contract observer transportation and room and board, except travel to remote ports, are included in the contract cost of \$341/day.

^eObservers frequently deploy more than once during a fishery.

^dRange includes the single shortest observer deployment to the single longest deployment.

Table 7. The 2024/25 Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab fishery C/V observer deployment costs paid with test-fishery revenues, and average observer deployment lengths since 2017/18.

		Source of Cost			
		ADF&G	SOA contract	Totals	
Number of deployments		0	9	Total deployments	9
Observer deployment days		0	172	Total deployment days	172
Cost of observers ^a		\$ -	\$ 26,371	Total observer personnel	\$ 26,371
Expenses per source between Anchorage and Dutch Harbor for transportation, and room and board ^a		\$ -	\$ -	Total non-remote	\$ -
Expenses per source between Dutch Harbor and remote ports for transportation, and room and board		\$ -	\$ -	Total remote	\$ -
				Total costs	\$ 26,371
Average C/V observer deployment lengths since 2017/18					
Season	Fishery length (days)	Average deployment length (days) ^c	Deployment duration range (days) ^d		
2017/18	FC	NA	NA		
2018/19	FC	NA	NA		
2019/20	FC	NA	NA		
2020/21	FC	NA	NA		
2021/22	FC	NA	NA		
2022/23	168	15	5-25		
2023/24	168	12	7-18		
2024/25	168	17	3-31		

Note: EBT = Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab, C/V = Catcher vessel, FC = Fishery closed, NA = Not applicable

^aADF&G staff lodge in state housing when available. Costs for contract observer transportation and room and board, except travel to remote ports, are included in the contract cost of \$420/day.

^cObservers frequently deploy more than once during a fishery.

^dRange includes the single shortest observer deployment to the single longest deployment.

Table 8. The 2024/25 Western Bering Sea Tanner crab fishery C/V observer deployment costs paid with test-fishery revenues, and average observer deployment lengths since 2017/18.

	Source of Cost		Totals
	ADF&G	SOA contract	
Number of deployments	0	10	Total deployments 10
Observer deployment days	0	444	Total deployment days 444
Cost of observers ^a	\$ -	\$ 68,073	Total observer personnel \$ 68,073
Expenses per source between Anchorage and Dutch Harbor for transportation, and room and board ^a	\$ -	\$ -	Total non-remote \$ -
Expenses per source between Dutch Harbor and remote ports for transportation, and room and board	\$ -	\$ -	Total remote \$ -
			Total costs \$ 68,073

Average C/V observer deployment lengths since 2017/18			
Season	Fishery length (days)	Average deployment length (days) ^c	Deployment duration range (days) ^d
2017/18	168	18	7-73
2018/19	168	17	4-27
2019/20	FC	NA	NA
2020/21	168	21	12-34
2021/22	168	17	10-25
2022/23	168	21	7-36
2023/24	168	25	12-59
2024/25	168	37	16-76

Note: WBT = Western Bering Sea Tanner crab, C/V = Catcher vessel, FC = Fishery closed, NA = Not applicable

^aADF&G staff lodge in state housing when available. Costs for contract observer transportation and room and board, except travel to remote ports, are included in the contract cost of \$420/day.

^cObservers frequently deploy more than once during a fishery.

^dRange includes the single shortest observer deployment to the single longest deployment.

Table 9. The 2024/25 Bristol Bay red king crab, Eastern and Western Bering Sea Tanner crab, and Bering Sea snow crab catcher-processor observer deployment costs paid with test-fishery revenues.

Number of deployments	0
Observer deployment days	0
Cost of observers	\$ -

Table 10. Summary of FY25 Bering Sea crab fisheries C/V and C/P observer deployment and program support costs paid with Bristol Bay red king crab test-fishery revenues.

	Source of Cost			
	ADF&G	Contract		
<i>OBSERVER DEPLOYMENT COSTS</i>				
Number of deployments	-	37	Total deployments	37
Observer deployment days	-	974	Total deployment days	974
Cost of observers	\$ -	\$ 149,332	Total observer personnel	\$ 149,332
Non-remote deployment expenses	\$ -	\$ -	Total non-remote	\$ -
Remote deployment expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,579	Total remote	\$ 2,579
			Total deployment costs	\$ 151,910
<i>OBSERVER PROGRAM SUPPORT COSTS</i>				
Office overhead (supplies, equipment, phone, internet)			Total supplies and equipment	\$ 6,023
Administrative, travel and per diem			Total administration	\$ 15,314
Cost-recovery test fishery (personnel)			Total cost-recovery	\$ 6,904
Office personnel salaries and benefits			Total office personnel	\$ 491,350
			Total program support costs	\$ 519,591
			Bristol Bay test-fishery budget expenditures	\$ 671,502

Table 11. Summary of FY25 Aleutian Islands golden king crab test-fishery account revenues and expenses.

Observer program test fishery budget allocation	
Test-fishery account balance carried forward from FY24 into FY25	\$ 650,000
Test-fishery revenue	\$ 300,000
Sum of carry forward and revenue	\$ 950,000
Test-fishery expenditures	\$ 248,458
Test-fishery account funds to be carried forward from FY25 for start up funds in FY26	<u>\$ 701,542</u>

Table 12. Observer deployment and program support costs funded with Aleutian Islands test-fishery revenues.

Fiscal Year	Observer deployment costs		Program support costs				Totals
	EAG and WAG C/V	Office overhead	Admin	Cost-rec	Office personnel	Total expenses	
FY18	\$ 177,731	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,410	\$ 129,332	\$ 310,473	
FY19	\$ 158,492	\$ 6,168	\$ -	\$ 6,004	\$ 85,022	\$ 255,685	
FY20	\$ 177,047	\$ 4,068		\$ 2,225	\$ 92,541	\$ 275,881	
FY21	\$ 191,642	\$ -	\$ 569	\$ 4,824	\$ 106,281	\$ 303,316	
FY22	\$ 151,333	\$ 262	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 197,849	\$ 349,444	
FY23	\$ 132,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,000	
FY24	\$ 144,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,571	\$ 185,971	
FY25	\$ 123,746	\$ -	\$ 1,959	\$ 3,680	\$ 119,656	\$ 249,041	

Note: EAG = Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab, WAG = Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab, and C/V = Catcher vessel

Table 13. Summary of FY25 Aleutian Islands golden king crab fisheries observer deployment and program support costs paid with Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab test-fishery revenues.

		Source of Cost		
		ADF&G	Contract	
<i>OBSERVER DEPLOYMENT COSTS</i>				
Number of deployments		1	8	Total deployments 9
Observer deployment days		8	255	Total deployment days 263
Cost of observers	\$	6,446	\$ 117,300	Total observer personnel \$ 123,746
Remote deployment expenses	\$	-	\$ -	Total remote \$ -
				Total deployment costs \$ 123,746
<i>PROGRAM SUPPORT COSTS</i>				
Office overhead (supplies, equipment, phone, internet)	\$	-		Total supplies and equipment \$ -
Administrative				
Travel and per diem	\$	1,959		Total administration \$ 1,959
Cost-recovery test fishery (personnel)	\$	3,680.00		Total cost-recovery \$ 3,680
Office personnel salaries and benefits	\$	119,656		Total office personnel \$ 119,656
				Total program support costs \$ 125,295
				Aleutian Islands test-fishery account expenditures \$ 249,041