

Amendment 20
Fishery Management Plan for
Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs

(1) Revise the following in Section **6.1.1 Bering Sea Tanner** (*Chionoecetes bairdi*) crab

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Harvest Strategy: * * *

- TACs for Bristol Bay and Pribilof Islands: TACs are determined separately for crabs east of 166°W (Bristol Bay) and west of 166°W (Pribilof Islands) in the Eastern Subdistrict of the Bering Sea.

(2) Revise the following in Chapter **11.0 Voluntary Three-Pie Cooperative Program:**

1.3 Categories of QS/IFQs

1.3.1 Crab Fishery Categories - QS/IFQs will be assigned to each of the crab fisheries included in the program as identified in paragraph 1.1 except Dutch Harbor red king, EAI Tanner, and WAI Tanner and WAI red king crab east of 179° West longitude.

1.0.0.0 Brown king crab (AI golden king crab) option.

Option 1. Split into two categories: Dutch Harbor (EAI) brown king crab (east of 174° W long.) and Western Aleutian Islands brown king crab (west of 174° W long.).

1.3.1.2 Tanner crab

Split into two categories: Eastern Tanner (*bairdi*) crab (east of 166° W long.) and Western Tanner (*bairdi*) crab (west of 166° W long.).

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1.6.3 Separate and distinct QS Ownership Caps - apply to all harvesting QS categories pertaining to a given crab fishery with the following provisions:

- a. Initial issues that exceed the ownership cap are grandfathered at their current level as of June 10, 2002; including transfers by contract entered into as of that date.
- . Apply individually and collectively to all QS holders in each crab fishery;

- Percentage-cap options for the Bristol Bay red king crab, Opilio, Bairdi, Pribilof red and blue king crab and St. Matthew blue king crab fisheries (a different percentage cap may be chosen for each fishery):

- Option 4. 1.0% of the total QS pool for Bristol Bay red king crab.
- Option 5. 1.0% of the total QS pool for Opilio crab.
- Option 6. 1.0% of the total QS pool for Eastern Bairdi crab.
- Option 7. 1.0% of the total QS pool for Western Bairdi crab.
- Option 8. 2.0% of the total QS pool for Pribilof red and blue king crab.
- Option 9 2.0% of the total QS pool for St. Matthew blue king crab.

d. A percentage-cap of 10% is adopted for the Dutch Harbor (EAI) brown king crab, and a 10% cap for western Aleutian Island (Adak) brown king crab.

e. A percentage-cap of 10% is adopted for WAI (Adak) red king crab west of 179° West longitude.

Harvest Share Ownership Caps for CDQ Groups (from the February 2003)

The following ownership caps shall apply to CDQ ownership of crab QS

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| Bristol Bay red king crab | 5% |
| Bering Sea opilio crab | 5% |
| Eastern Bering Sea bairdi crab | 5% |
| Western Bering Sea bairdi crab | 5% |
| Pribilof red and blue king crab | 10% |
| St. Matthew blue king crab | 10% |
| EAI brown king crab | 20% |
| WAI red king crab | 20% |
| WAI brown king crab | 20% |

In addition, the Council shall apply the individual and collective rule for calculation of the CDQ ownership caps, under which the holder of an interest in an entity will be credited with holdings in proportion to its interest in the entity.

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1.0.0 Use caps on IFQs harvested on any given vessel are provided for those vessels not participating in a voluntary cooperative described under section 6.1.:

Option 1.

- a. Two times the ownership cap:
 - 2.0% for BS Opilio crab
 - 2.0% BB red king crab
 - 2.0% Eastern BS bairdi crab

2.0% Western BS bairdi crab
4.0% for Pribilof red and blue king crab
4.0% for St. Matthew blue king crab
20% for EAI (Dutch Harbor) brown king crab
20% for Adak (WAI) brown king crab
20% for Adak (WAI) red king crab west of 179° West longitude

2. Processing Sector Elements

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2.3 Initial allocation of processing quota shares

Option 1. Processing quota shares shall be initially issued to Eligible Processors based on three-year average processing history¹ for each fishery, determined by the buyer of record listed on ADF&G fish tickets, as follows:

- (a) 1997 - 1999 for Bristol Bay red king crab
- (b) 1996 - 1998 for Pribilof red and blue king crab,
- (c) 1996 - 1998 for St. Matthew blue crab
- (d) 1997 - 1999 for opilio crab
- (e) Eastern and Western BS bairdi crab based on 50/50 combination of processing history for BBRKC and opilio
- (f) 1996/97 - 1999/00 seasons for brown king crab
- (g) The qualifying years for issuance of IPQ in the Adak (WAI) red king crab fishery west of 179° West longitude will be:

Option B. Based on Western Aleutian Islands brown king crab IPQ

¹The three-year average shall be the three-year aggregate pounds purchased by each Eligible Processor in a fishery divided by the three-year aggregate pounds purchased by all Eligible Processors in that fishery.