

## 2008/09 Crab Year Vessel IFQ Caps

Use caps and related regulations are found at 50 CFR Part 680, at §680.42

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<b>Crab QS Fishery</b>	<b>Vessel Use Cap % of Harvesting IFQ TAC</b>	<b>2008/09 Harvesting IFQ TAC in Raw Crab Pounds</b>	<b>2008/09 Vessel Use Cap in Raw Crab Pounds</b>
<b>BBR</b>	2%	Undetermined	Undetermined
<b>BSS</b>	2%	Undetermined	Undetermined
<b>EBT</b>	2%	Undetermined	Undetermined
<b>WBT</b>	2%	Undetermined	Undetermined
<b>PIK</b>	4%	Undetermined	Undetermined
<b>SMB</b>	4%	Undetermined	Undetermined
<b>EAG</b>	20%	2,835,000	567,000
<b>WAG</b>	20%	2,551,500	510,300
<b>WAI</b>	20%	Undetermined	Undetermined

Notes:

- BBR = Bristol Bay red king crab                      SMB = St. Matthew blue king crab
- BSS = Bering Sea snow crab                            EAG = Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab
- EBT = Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab              WAG = Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab
- WBT = Western Bering Sea Tanner crab              WAI = Western Aleutian Islands red king crab
- PIK = Pribilof Island red/blue king crab

- Vessels used solely to harvest IFQ held by crab cooperatives are exempt from these caps.
- A vessel used to harvest any non-cooperative IFQ is subject to these caps; however, only CVO and CPO (“Owner”) IFQ is included in determining whether or not a vessel use cap is met.
- A single person who receives an initial allocation of QS that results in IFQ that is in excess of the vessel use caps (above) may catch and retain crab harvested with the resulting IFQ from a single vessel. But, a single person may still be limited to the cap if some of their IFQ resulted from QS derived from transfers of LLP crab permits after 6/10/2002. The “single person” test is interpreted as whether only a single IFQ holder’s crab IFQ permits were fished on a vessel, or more than one IFQ holder’s permits were fished on a vessel. An IFQ permit holder with multiple permits who uses hired masters is still counted as one IFQ permit holder and is entitled to the exemption, if that IFQ permit holder’s IFQ permits were the only IFQ permits fished on a vessel. Other provisions apply for such situations; see regulations referenced above.
- Beginning with the 2006/07 crab fishing year, Bering Sea (bairdi) Tanner (BST) is managed as two stocks and fisheries: Eastern and Western Bering Sea bairdi Tanner (EBT and WBT, respectively).
- “Undetermined” means the TAC has not yet been announced by the State of Alaska; therefore, the cap cannot be computed at this time.