

# National Marine Fisheries Service BSAI Crab Rationalization



## Community Protection Measures

### What are Community Protection Measures?

Primarily limits on the amount of PQS and IPQ that can be used outside of communities where more than 3% of a crab fishery was processed during the qualifying years. There are nine such **Eligible Crab Communities (ECC)** (See Map). The three main protections are:  
**“Cooling off” Period**  
**Right of First Refusal (ROFR)**, and  
**QS Purchase.**

### What is ROFR?

Before NMFS issues any PQS, that PQS holder may establish a contract with an ECC which guarantees the ECC first rights to purchase any PQS for sale for use outside that community. Some requirements exist for IPQ as well.

### What’s QS Purchase?

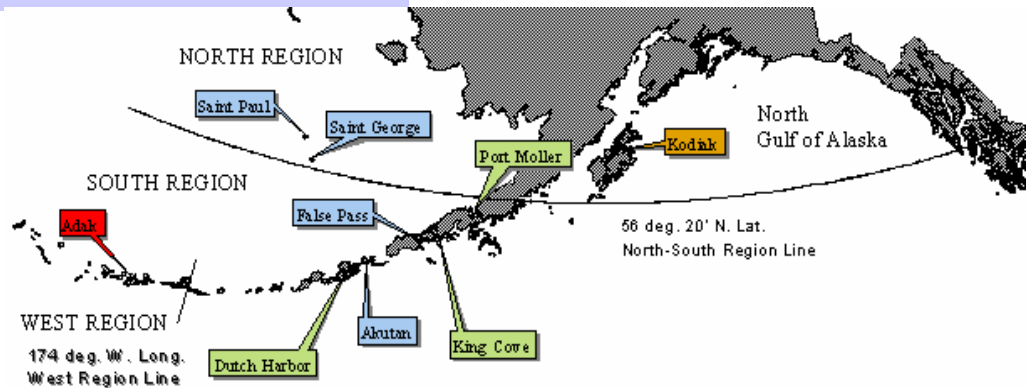
Each ECC can form an organization to purchase QS and lease the IFQ to community residents. ECC organizations would need to submit an annual report to NMFS. The ECC would be limited in the amount of QS and IFQ it could use.

### What happens to CDQ crab?

(1) The allocation to CDQ groups increases to 10% of the TAC for the rationalized crab fisheries, except for Western Aleutian golden king crab which has a 10% allocation to Adak.  
 (2) Two new CDQ species are added: Eastern Aleutian golden king crab; and Western Aleutian red king crab. (3) The Norton Sound king crab allocation remains 7.5% of the TAC.

### What is the “Cooling Off” Period?

Until July 1, 2007, PQS and IPQ based on processing history from the ECCs could not be transferred from those communities. The use of IPQ outside the community during this period would be limited to 20% of the IPQ by fishery each year with specific hardships provisions. Three crab fisheries would be exempt from the cooling off provision: Tanner crab, Western Aleutian Islands red king crab, and Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab.



### Measures for Specific Communities

#### Adak

- (1) Cooling off period applies.
- (2) No ROFR
- (3) Special allocation of 10% of the Western Aleutian golden king crab TAC.
- (4) This allocation goes to an entity formed by the residents of Adak, or the Aleut Corporation if an entity doesn't form for the first 2 years only. This allocation must be used for fishery development in Adak.
- (5) The Adak entity can hold QS and lease IFQ to residents.

#### Non-CDQ ECC

Dutch Harbor, King Cove, Port Moller

- (1) Cooling off period applies.
- (2) ROFR contract with PQS application.
- (3) The governing body for each community must select the ECC entity/organization to represent it for purposes of ROFR and QS purchase. They are:  
 Dutch Harbor: City of Unalaska  
 King Cove: City of King Cove & Aleutians East Borough  
 Port Moller: Aleutians East Borough
- (4) The ECC entity signs the ROFR.
- (5) The ECC organization holds QS and leases IFQ to residents.

#### CDQ ECC

Akutan, False Pass, St. Paul, St. George

- (1) Cooling off period applies.
- (2) ROFR contract with PQS application.
- (3) The ECC entity/organization represents the ECC for purposes of ROFR and QS purchase. The CDQ group selects the ECC for that community:  
 Akutan, False Pass, St. George: APICDA  
 St. Paul: CBSFA
- (4) The ECC entity signs the ROFR.
- (5) The ECC organization holds QS and leases IFQ to residents.

#### Kodiak

- (1) Cooling off period applies
- (2) Any PQS holder in a community in the North Gulf of Alaska (See map) must have a ROFR with the ECC entity of Kodiak in its application for PQS.
- (3) The City of Kodiak and Kodiak Island Borough select the ECC entity/organization.
- (4) The ECC entity signs the ROFR.
- (5) The ECC organization holds QS and leases IFQ to residents.