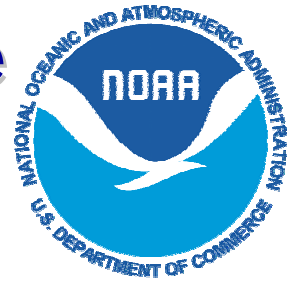


National Marine Fisheries Service

BSAI Crab Rationalization



Cost Recovery

What is Cost Recovery?

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires NMFS to establish a cost recovery fee system to recover actual costs directly related to the management and enforcement of any individual fishing quota program or community development quota program. The Crab Rationalization fee system collects fees based on a percentage of the ex-vessel value of crab landed under this program.

When are fees due?

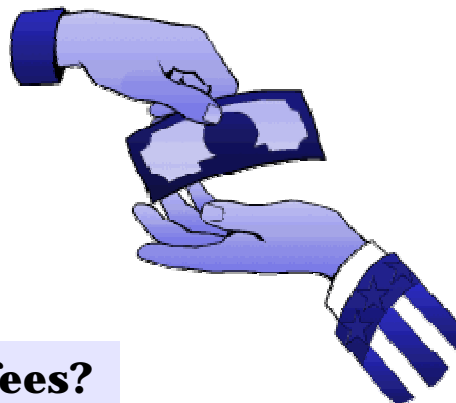
- Fees will be paid annually to NMFS based on a “crab fishing year” running from July 1 to June 30.
- All fees must be paid to NMFS by July 31 for the preceding crab fishing year.

What happens if I don't pay my fees?

- NMFS may withhold issuance of any new IFQ, IPQ, Federal Crab Vessel Permit, or RCR permit.
- NMFS may also disapprove transfer of any IFQ, IPQ, QS or PQS to or from an RCR permit holder.

Who must pay fees?

- Any person who receives CR crab, including non-IPQ holders, is required to possess a Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) Permit.
- All CR allocation holders and RCR permit holders are subject to a fee liability for any CR crab debited from a CR allocation, including CDQ and the Adak allocation.
- RCR permit holders will submit to NMFS fees on behalf of both.



Required forms:

RCR Fee Submission Form

Non-RCR Harvesters

- Will pay half the fee percentage for CR crab received by an RCR.
- Fees will be deducted from the price paid by the RCR receiving the CR crab.
- Harvesters will be absolved of Cost Recovery responsibilities after transferring their product and paying their fee share to the RCR.

Registered Crab Receivers

- Will pay half the fee percentage for CR crab received from a harvester.
- Will use the price paid at the time of purchase by the RCR as ex-vessel value.
- Will calculate the fee liability for the harvester and themselves by multiplying the appropriate ex-vessel value and fee percentage.
- Will collect, document, and submit all fees to NMFS.

Catcher/Processors

- Will pay the full fee percentage for all CR crab debited from an allocation.
- Will use the CP standard price as ex-vessel value. CP standard prices will be based on a weighted average of the current years' shoreside ex-vessel values.
- Will calculate fee liability by multiplying the appropriate ex-vessel value and fee percentage.
- Will collect, document, and submit all fees to NMFS.

Small Entity Compliance Guide: NMFS has provided this small entity compliance guide to satisfy the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, which requires a plain language guide to assist small entities in complying with this rule. This synopsis provides a general overview as a public service. For exact regulatory language, please refer to the final rule at www.fakr.noaa.gov.