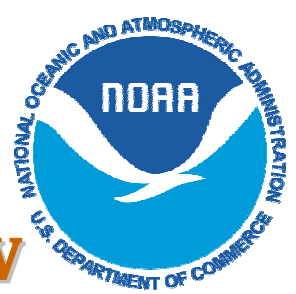


National Marine Fisheries Service BSAI Crab Rationalization

QS/IFQ for Skippers and Crew



What is Crew QS?

Crew QS is a long-term privilege to harvest a percentage of the crab fishery. Crew QS is 3% of the total QS in a fishery. Crew QS is issued to individuals, not corporations. QS yields IFQ.

What is Crew IFQ?

IFQ is the pounds of crab that QS yields each year. It is determined by the TAC. IFQ must be fished by the QS holder unless leased. It can be leased until June 30, 2008, and after only under a hardship exemption.

Who receives QS?

Crew with catch history in the qualifying years and recent participation in 2 of the last 3 crab fishing seasons (See map for details).

- Catch delivered onshore is issued as: Catcher Vessel Crew (CVC) QS.
- Catch processed at sea using is issued as: Catcher Processor Crew (CPC) QS.

How do I get Crew QS?

Hold a State of Alaska Interim Use Permit with qualifying landings and submit an application **BEFORE** the application deadline of **June 3, 2005.**

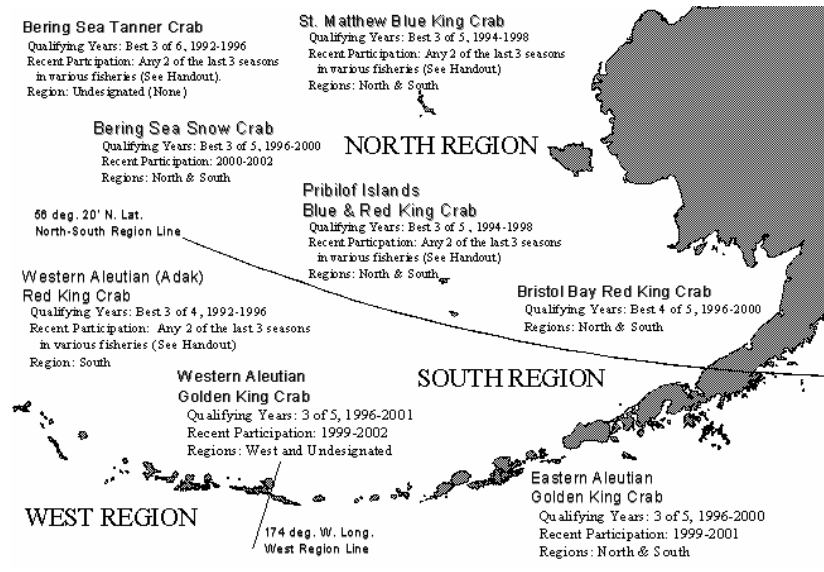
How do I get Crew IFQ?

By August 1, each year QS holders must submit an application to NMFS. All fees and data reports have to be submitted before NMFS issues IFQ. IFQ is issued once the TAC is set, typically in mid-September.

What's the difference between CVC and CPC QS/IFQ?

	CVC QS/IFQ	CPC QS/IFQ
What can I do with it?	Deliver catch onshore	Deliver catch onshore, or process catch onboard
Do I have to deliver my crab in a specific region?	Until June 30, 2008, CVC has <u>no</u> delivery restrictions. After that, CVC is issued as Class A & B IFQ: 90% is Class A IFQ with regional delivery restrictions. 10% is Class B IFQ without regional delivery restrictions.	NO, CPC QS produces CPC IFQ that can be used to catch and process crab at-sea or to catch crab and deliver it onshore without delivery restrictions.
Do I have to "match up" with a processor?	Not before July 1, 2008. After that: CVC Class A IFQ must be delivered to a processor with IPQ. CVC Class B IFQ can be delivered to any processor.	NO
Can I transfer the QS and IFQ?	YES, QS and IFQ can be transferred to initial QS recipients or to individual U.S. citizens that meet recent participation and sea time requirements. IFQ can be transferred separately from the QS until June 30, 2008. All transfers must be approved by NMFS.	
What happens if I also have PQS/IPQ, or I'm affiliated with a PQS/IPQ holder?	Before June 30, 2008, nothing. After that, you will receive Class A and Class B IFQ according to the method established in § 680.40.	N/A
Is there a limit on how much QS or IFQ I can have?	YES, there are specific QS and IFQ limits for each fishery. CVC and CPC IFQ is not counted against the vessel use caps that apply to CVO and CPO IFQ.	

Crab Fisheries – Crew Qualifying Years



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.