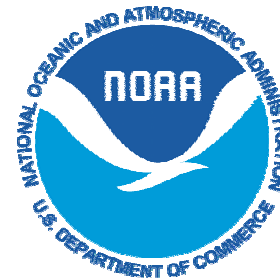


National Marine Fisheries Service BSAI Crab Rationalization



Economic Data Collection

What is the Economic Data Collection Program?

Crab Rationalization includes a comprehensive economic data collection program to aid the Council and NMFS in assessing the success of the Program and developing amendments necessary to mitigate any unintended consequences. The data would be used to study the economic impacts of the Program on harvesters, processors, and communities.

Who must participate in the Economic Data Collection Program?

- Participation in the economic data collection program is mandatory for all participants in the fisheries.
- Participants in the crab fishing industry harvesting or processing fish under Magnuson-Stevens Act authority after January 23, 2004, must submit an EDR.
- Owners and lessees of fishing vessels and processing operations are responsible for submission of the EDR.

What type of information is being collected?

Cost, revenue, production, and ownership data will be submitted in an EDR. Relevant state and local fish taxes will also be reported.

Who will collect and control this information?

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission will serve as the Data Collection Agent (DCA) providing for integrity, confidentiality, and dissemination of data.

Who will have access to this information?

- Pacific States may furnish data to NMFS economists, Council staff, or other authorized users accessing the data for crab management analysis or report purposes, but must eliminate or remove the identifiers for the submitter.
- If NMFS Enforcement, NOAA GC, RAM, Department of Justice, or the Federal Trade Commission requests data, and the purpose is connected to law enforcement or qualification for QS, PQS, IFQ, IPQ, and other Federal permits, Pacific States would provide the data and the identity of the submitter.

Basic Submission Requirements by Sector and Type

Catcher Vessel EDR

Historical

- **Who:** The DCA would select owners of vessels who is required to submit a historical EDR for 3 years selected between 1998 through 2004.
- **When:** Within 90 days of publication of a *Federal Register* notice identifying vessels that must submit historic data to the DCA.

Annual

- **Who:** Any owner or leaseholder of a catcher vessel that landed crab from a CR fishery.
- **When:** Each year on or before May 1, encompassing the previous calendar year.

Shoreside Processor EDR

Historical

- **Who:** Any owner or leaseholder of a shoreside processor that processed CR fisheries crab in the calendar years 1998, 2001, or 2004.
- **When:** No later than June 30, 2005.

Annual

- **Who:** Any owner or leaseholder that processed crab from a CR fishery.
- **When:** Each year on or before May 1, encompassing the previous calendar year.

Stationary Floating Crab Processor EDR

Historical

- **Who:** Any owner or leaseholder of an SFCP that processed CR fisheries crab in the calendar years 1998, 2001, or 2004.
- **When:** No later than June 30, 2005.

Annual

- **Who:** Any owner or leaseholder of an SFCP that processed crab from a CR fishery.
- **When:** Each year on or before May 1, encompassing the previous calendar year.

Catcher/Processor EDR

Historical

- **Who:** Any owner or leaseholder of a CP that harvested or processed BSAI crab in the calendar years 1998, 2001, or 2004 will be required to submit an historical EDR.
- **When:** No later than June 30, 2005.

Annual

- **Who:** Any owner or leaseholder of a catcher/processor that landed or processed crab from a CR fishery.
- **When:** Each year on or before May 1, encompassing the previous calendar year.

Where do I submit an EDR?

All forms must be submitted to Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission at the address provided on each form.

Other required forms:

Request for verification of EDR data by DCA

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.