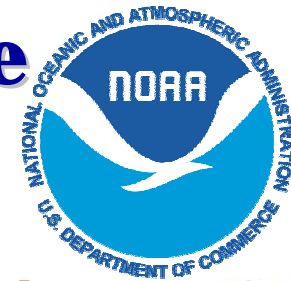


National Marine Fisheries Service BSAI Crab Rationalization



Monitoring & Enforcement

General

- All persons who receive CR crab must possess a Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) Permit.
- At their own expense, all RCRs must obtain hardware, software, and internet connectivity to support internet submissions of the CR crab landing report on the Interagency Electronic Reporting System.
- All vessels that harvest CR crab are required to have an operating NMFS-approved VMS any time the vessel has crab gear on board.

Basic Requirements by Sector

Catcher/Processors

- Are required to weigh all harvested crab IFQ at sea prior to processing.
- Are required to offload all product shoreside at a designated port and weigh that product on a scale approved by the State in which the offload takes place.

Harvesters

- All offloads must be to an RCR
- Vessel may not leave RCR until reporting of offload is complete.

RCRs

- Are required to develop a Catch Monitoring Plan (CMP)
- Are required to implement catch weighing requirements under a cooperative state and federal model provided in the regulations.

Summary of Monitoring Requirements for Crab Fishery Participants

Requirement	RCR Taking Deliveries of Crab	Catcher Vessel Harvesting Crab	Catcher Processor Harvesting or Processing Crab
Weigh all retained crab by quota category prior to processing	YES. On a scale approved by the State in which the RCR is located.	NO	YES. On a scale approved by NMFS.
Scale testing requirements.	YES. On demand.	N/A	YES. Scale must be tested daily when use is required.
Printed record of scale weights.	YES	N/A	YES
Operate under an approved catch monitoring plan (CMP).	YES	NO	NO
Offload requirements.	N/A	YES. All offloads must be to an RCR. Vessel may not leave RCR until reporting of offload is completed.	YES. All product must be offloaded on shore.
Product weighing requirements.	NO	N/A	YES. All product must be weighed on a scale approved by the State in which product offload takes place.
Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirements	N/A	YES	YES

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.