

2012/2013 Crab Year Vessel IFQ Caps

Use caps and related regulations are found at CFR Part 680, at §680.42

Prepared: Feb 23, 2013

Crab QS Fishery	Vessel Use Cap % of Harvesting IFQ TAC	Harvesting IFQ TAC in Raw Crab Pounds	Vessel Use Cap in Raw Crab Pounds
BBR	2%	7,067,700	141,354
BSS	2%	59,715,000	1,194,300
EBT	2%	Undetermined	Undetermined
WBT	2%	Undetermined	Undetermined
PIK	4%	Undetermined	Undetermined
SMB	4%	1,467,000	58,680
EAG	20%	2,979,000	595,800
WAG	20%	2,682,000	536,400
WAI	20%	Undetermined	Undetermined

Notes:

BBR = Bristol Bay red king crab
 BSS = Bering Sea snow crab
 EBT = Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab
 WBT = Western Bering Sea Tanner crab
 PIK = Pribilof Islands red/blue king crab

SMB = St. Matthew blue king crab
 EAG = Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab
 WAG = Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab
 WAI = Western Aleutian Islands red king crab

- Vessels used solely to harvest IFQ held by crab cooperatives are exempt from these caps.
- A vessel used to harvest any non-cooperative IFQ is subject to these caps; however, only CVO and CPO ("Owner") IFQ is included in determining whether or not a vessel use cap is met.
- A single person who receives an initial allocation of QS that results in IFQ that is in excess of the vessel use caps (above) may catch and retain crab harvested with the resulting IFQ from a single vessel. But, a single person may still be limited to the cap if some of their IFQ resulted from QS derived from transfers of LLP crab permits after 6/10/2002. The "single person" test is interpreted as whether only a single IFQ holder's crab IFQ permits were fished on a vessel, or more than one IFQ holder's permits were fished on a vessel. An IFQ permit holder with multiple permits who uses hired masters is still counted as one IFQ permit holder and is entitled to the exemption, if that IFQ permit holder's IFQ permits were the only IFQ permits fished on a vessel. Other provisions apply for such situations; see regulations referenced above.
- Beginning with the 2006/07 crab fishing year, Bering Sea (bairdi) Tanner (BST) is managed as two stocks and fisheries; Eastern and Western Bering Sea bairdi Tanner (EBT and WBT, respectively).
- "Undetermined" means the TAC has not yet been announced by the State of Alaska or the fishery is not open; therefore, the cap cannot be computed at this time.