



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

National Marine Fisheries Service

P.O. Box 21668

Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668

Crab Fishing Year 2011-2012

Dear Vessel Owner(s):

Enclosed is your Federal Crab Vessel Permit (FCVP). A copy of this permit must be on board any vessel used to fish in the rationalized crab fisheries, and must be available for inspection at any time by an authorized officer. This permit may not be surrendered during the crab fishing year for which it is issued. However, if the vessel is sold during the year the permit is invalid and new owners will have to obtain a new vessel permit.

In addition to this Permit, other requirements pertain, as follows:

Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)

Any vessel used to harvest crab in the rationalized crab fisheries must have a functioning VMS transmitter on board. The VMS must be transmitting when the following three conditions are met:

1. The vessel is operating in any reporting area off Alaska; and,
2. The vessel has crab pots or crab pot hauling equipment, or a crab pot launcher onboard; and,
3. The vessel has (or is required to have) a FCVP.

For answers to questions about VMS requirements, or to register your VMS unit before initial operation, contact the NMFS Office of Law Enforcement in Juneau, at: (907) 586-7225.

Logbooks

The operator of a vessel operating in the BSAI crab fisheries must maintain the appropriate logbooks and make them available for inspection at any time by an authorized officer. The required logbooks include:

- The Daily Fishing Log (DFL), which must be maintained by the operator of a catcher vessel using pot gear to harvest CR crab from the BSAI; and,
- The Daily Cumulative Production Log (DCPL), which must be maintained by the operator of a catcher/processor vessel using pot gear to harvest CR crab from the BSAI.

The appropriate logbooks are included with this mailing of your FCVP. Please note that you are being sent logbooks from our current supply of groundfish logbooks. You can use these logbooks to record your BSAI crab harvests by writing "CRAB" over one of the other columns on the appropriate pages. If you need additional logbooks during the current fishing year, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division, NMFS/AKR, at P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668, (907) 586-7228.



Economic Data Report

50 CFR 680.6 requires that the owners or leaseholders of any vessel that landed crab in the CR crab fishery submit an annual Economic Data Report (EDR). The EDR requires that Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) fish ticket numbers and landings data be provided. State of Alaska confidentiality laws provide that fish ticket information may only be released to the person named on the State permit identified on the fish ticket. We recommend that you obtain a waiver of confidentiality from each of your crew members, and copies of completed fish tickets to assist you in complying with federal EDR requirements. A copy of the State form authorizing fish ticket data release can be obtained from ADF&G by contacting the Division of Commercial Fisheries, Information Services Section at (907) 465-4210; or from its Internet website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.requests.

Also enclosed is a checklist of various requirements for catcher-vessels or catcher-processor vessels operating in the BSAI crab rationalization fisheries. This checklist is provided as a general overview only. Other requirements may apply depending on circumstances. For exact regulatory language please refer to: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

If you have questions regarding any NMFS Alaska Region permit, or if you need application assistance, you may contact RAM by telephone at: (800) 304-4846 (select option #2); by facsimile at: (907) 586-7354; or by e-mail at: RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov. NMFS permit applications and instructions are available from RAM and can be downloaded from our web site at: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

Sincerely,



Jessica Gharrett
Program Administrator
Restricted Access Management

Enclosure(s)



Catcher Vessel Checklist for Crab Rationalization Fisheries

Before Fishing

- NMFS Federal Crab Vessel Permit
- NMFS Federal fisheries permit (if retaining groundfish for bait)
- NMFS IFQ permit
- NMFS IFQ hired master permit
- CFEC Interim Use Permit (Gear Card) (Separate card required if fishing CDQ)
- ADF&G Fisheries Preseason Registration (by Sep 25) (Bristol Bay red king and BS Tanner & snow crab only)
- Determine if observer coverage is required. Please notify ADF&G observer program 10 days prior to fishing.
- USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Decal
- ADF&G Buoy Tags
- ADF&G Vessel Registration (Registration Validation)
- Register with ADF&G if other vessels will be operating or transporting your gear
- NMFS Daily Fishing Logbook
- Transmitting VMS (NMFS)
- USCG notification 24 hours prior to leaving port with pots

After Fishing

- Check out with ADF&G within 72 hours of completion of fishing operations or gear storage
- Gear must be in storage within 14 days after completion of fishing operations
- Registration becomes invalid after 14 days of inactivity
- Send in yellow logbook copies at end of quarter to NMFS. ADF&G requests the goldenrod observer copy of the logbook pages.

Notes

Notice – This synopsis provides a general overview as a public service. Other requirements may apply depending on circumstances. For exact regulatory language, please refer to www.fakr.noaa.gov or one of the numbers on the opposite side.

Contact Information

www.fakr.noaa.gov

1-800-304-4846 Option 1 - IFQ Data Clerks
Option 2 – Restricted Access Management (RAM)

Dutch Harbor

NOAA Fisheries Enforcement.....581-2061
Alaska Department of Fish & Game.....581-1239
Department of Public Safety, Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement.....581-1432
US Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment581-6738

Kodiak

NOAA Fisheries Enforcement.....486-3298
Alaska Department of Fish & Game.....486-1840
Department of Public Safety, Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement.....486-4761
US Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment654-5588

Juneau

NOAA Fisheries Enforcement.....586-7225
NOAA Fisheries Sustainable Fisheries.....586-7228
US Coast Guard Command Center1-800-478-5555

Anchorage

NOAA Fisheries Enforcement.....271-1823