

# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 07/22/2016

Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Jennifer Jessup  
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 04/26/2016

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201604-0648-015

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Alaska Region Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Economic Data Reports

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0518

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/2019

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	217	1,848	101,746
New	198	2,624	318,414
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-19	776	216,668
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Dominic J. Mancini  
Acting Deputy Administrator,  
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

## List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Annual Catcher Vessel EDR - Full EDR submission	NA	Catcher vessel EDR	
Annual Catcher/Processor EDR	NA	Catcher/processor EDR	
Annual Processor EDR	NA	Shoreside processor EDR	
Verification of Data			50 CFR 680.6(f)

# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) ( <i>if applicable</i> )	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	10. Abstract
11. Affected public ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i> ) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden ( <i>in thousands of dollars</i> ) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i> ) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting ( <i>check all that apply</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)  Name: _____ Phone: _____

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**  
**ALASKA REGION CRAB ECONOMIC DATA REPORTS (EDR)**  
**OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0518**

This action is a request for extension of this existing information collection. The title of this collection is being changed from *Alaska Region Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Crab Economic Data Reports (EDR)* to *Alaska Region Crab Economic Data Reports (EDR)*.

**INTRODUCTION**

In January 2004, the United States (U.S.) Congress amended Section 313(j) of [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) (Magnuson-Stevens Act) as amended in 2006 to mandate the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to implement the Crab Rationalization Program for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) crab fisheries. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) prepared, and NMFS approved, the Fishery Management Plan for BSAI King and Tanner Crabs (Crab FMP). The Crab FMP establishes criteria for the management of certain aspects of the BSAI crab fisheries by the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and is implemented by regulations at [50 CFR part 680](#).

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Alaska Region implemented the Crab Rationalization Program (CR Program) to both maintain rigorous safeguards on use of fishing privileges for a public resource and to provide safeguards for program constituents. The CR Program is a limited-access system that allocates BSAI crab resources among harvesters, processors, and coastal communities. The rationalized fishery began in fall 2005 with quota allocated to harvesters and processors based on historical participation in the fishery. Because of the expected impact on the industry, an economic data collection program was developed to better understand the economic impacts on the industry.

The CR Program components include quota share (QS), processor quota share (PQS), individual fishing quota (IFQ), individual processing quota (IPQ), quota transfers, use caps, crab harvesting cooperatives, protections for Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries, arbitration system, monitoring, economic data collection, and cost recovery fee collection.

NMFS selected the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) to be the Data Collection Agent (DCA) for the CR Program. PSMFC and NMFS administer the Crab Economic Data Report (EDR) data collection program under the guidance of the Council.

Economic data reports (EDRs) were developed to help determine the effects of the rationalization program, including changes to the costs of production and the effect of consolidation. In order to ensure that the data submitted by respondents in the EDRs is accurate, Congress and the Council specified that EDR data be subject to mandatory audits conducted by the third party collection agent, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). PSMFC contracted AKT LLP to develop and implement an EDR review and verification system which involves reviewing the data contained within submitted EDRs, conducting verification audits for those EDRs containing data values outside of the expected range, and conducting random audits for a certain percentage of submitted EDRs.

Previously, the Council conducted a five year review of the CR Program data collection program. Several elements of the EDR data being collected were found to be duplicative of other data collection programs. In some cases, redundancies were partial and in other cases, the data collected in the EDRs are completely redundant. Based on the EDR review and testimony from EDR Program respondents, the Council considered a number of alternatives for revising EDRs to improve data quality, simplify the reporting requirement, and reduce reporting burden and duplication with other reporting requirements.

Persons submitting the completed EDR certification pages as part of the entire EDR must attest to the accuracy and completion of the EDR by signing and dating the certification pages. Persons submitting the completed EDR certification pages only must attest that they meet the conditions exempting them from submitting the entire EDR, by signing and dating the certification pages.

## A. JUSTIFICATION

### 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

Participation in the EDR program is mandatory under Federal fisheries regulations 50 CFR Part 680.6 for all active vessel and processing sector participants in the CR Program fisheries.

In summary, the purpose of the economic data report and data validation is to:

- Aid the Council and NMFS in assessing the success of the program;
- Understand the economic performance of crab fisherman;
- Understand how the economic performance has changed after rationalization;
- Isolate the effects attributable to the crab rationalization program;
- Assess the validity of data reported in submitted EDRs; and
- Provide guidance on improvements in the EDR process to improve the validity of future data reporting.

### 2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

Any owner or leaseholder of a vessel or processing plant, or a holder of a Registered Crab Receiver permit (RCR) who harvested, processed, custom processed, or obtained custom processing for CR crab, during a calendar year, must submit a complete CR EDR by following the instructions on the applicable EDR.

A completed EDR or EDR certification pages must be submitted to the DCA for each calendar year on or before 1700 hours, A.l.t., July 31 of the following year.

Annual EDR forms for catcher vessels, catcher/processors, shoreside crab processors, and stationary floating crab processors are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov> or the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)

Alaska Crab Rational Program Web site at [http://www.psmfc.org/alaska\\_crab/](http://www.psmfc.org/alaska_crab/) or by contacting NMFS at 1-800-304-4846.

The EDR Program is administered by NMFS through contracts with PSMFC. The EDRs were developed to analyze the effects of the CR Program, including changes to the costs of production and the effect of consolidation. The information collected in the EDRs is intended to provide comprehensive data to analysts to examine changes in resource utilization, excess harvesting and processing capacity, economic returns, variable costs and revenues, economic efficiency, and the stability of harvesters, processors and coastal communities.

PSMFC sends out certified letters each year to respondents that include a new login and password. A randomly generated password is issued each year along with in most cases a new login for confidentiality purposes. Time spent to compare submitted EDRs with permit application is all done through the computer. No one in RAM physically checks a list or documents. The government cost to download the data from PSMFC for all three crab EDRs vs permits is nominal ( $\$37/3 = 12.33$ ).

The CR Crab EDR program details may be found at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-680regs>.

#### **a. Annual catcher vessel crab EDR [CHANGED]**

Any owner or leaseholder of a catcher vessel that landed CR crab in the previous calendar year must submit to the DCA, electronically or at the address provided on the form, a completed catcher vessel EDR for annual data for the previous calendar year.

#### **Catcher vessel crab EDR Certification Page**

##### Catcher Vessel Information

Vessel Name and ADF&G Vessel Registration Number  
Crab License Limitation Permit Number(s)  
USCG Documentation Number  
Current Estimated Market Value of Vessel and Equipment  
Replacement Value of Vessel and Equipment  
Name of Crab Harvesting Cooperative (if applicable)

##### Vessel Owner Information

Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship  
Business Telephone Number and Business fax Number  
Business E-mail address, if available

##### Vessel Leaseholder Information (if applicable)

Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship  
Business Telephone Number and Business fax Number  
Business E-mail address, if available

##### Person Completing this Report (check one)

Owner (If name and address are the same as the Owner Information block, do not repeat)  
Leaseholder (If name and address are the same as the Leaseholder Information block, do not repeat)  
Designated Representative  
Name and Title  
Business Telephone Number and Business fax Number  
Business E-mail address (if available)

##### EDR filing Status

Check appropriate statement to describe EDR filing status  
Buyer/Leaseholder Information (if applicable)  
Buyer/Leaseholder Name

Telephone No (include area code)  
Business Address  
Date of Sale or Lease (day/month/year)  
Certification Signature and date signed

**Catcher Vessel Crab EDR**

CR Crab Ex-vessel Sales, by CR Fishery and Quota Type

Total pounds of BSAI crab landed by this vessel and sold to crab buyers during the previous calendar year

Exclude deadloss crab that is discarded unsold at the landing

Gross revenue from crab delivered to processors during the calendar year

CR Crab Fishing Quota Costs, by CR Fishery and Quota Type Market-Value and Negotiated-Price Transfers Only

Total pounds of transferred crab fishing quota used to land crab caught by the vessel during the previous calendar year

Total gross cost paid as monetary compensation, after taxes or fees are deducted

CR Crab Crew Labor Costs, by CR Fishery

Total amount paid to vessel crew members for fishing labor services in CR fisheries during the previous calendar year, not including any amount paid to individuals as captain or vessel master. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR

Total payment made to the captain(s) for vessel master services in CR fisheries during the previous calendar year. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR

Vessel Operating Expenses, by CR Fishery

Total cost of food and provisions purchased for use in each CR fishery during the previous calendar year

Total cost of bait purchased for use in each CR fishery during the calendar year

Total gallons of fuel consumed by the vessel while operating in each CR fishery

Vessel Operating Expenses, Annual

Fuel Cost, Annual

Total quantity of fuel purchased for the vessel during the previous calendar year, in gallons

Total payment for fuel purchased for the vessel for all crab, non-crab, and non-fishing operations during the previous calendar year, including all sales taxes and surcharges

Vessel Labor Cost

Total direct payment to vessel crew and captain for labor performed in all vessel operations during the calendar year, including shipyard labor and tendering

Indicate whether the vessel performed tendering in any fishery during the previous calendar year

BSAI Crab Crew Licenses and CFEC Permits

Record either the Alaska Commercial Crew license number or a State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) gear operator permit number for each individual who worked as a captain or crewmember during the previous calendar year

For Commercial Crew Licenses, report the full 7-digit license number.

For Gear Operator Permits, include the fishery code and permit number (e.g. M71B25321N).

Indicate if the number reported is an ADF&G Commercial Crew License number or a CFEC Gear Operator Permit Number. Record one license or permit number per crewmember. Do not record any crewmember more than once.

Revised number of respondents from 95 to 2, based on actual data. Revised photocopy cost from 10 cents per page to 5 cents per page. Changed time to complete from 10 hr to 20 hr and changed accountant expense from \$100 to \$165 in response to a comment on OMB Control No. 0648-0401, which also requires accountant services.

<b>Catcher vessel crab EDR, Respondent</b>	
<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>2</b>
Full EDRs = 2	
Certification only = 0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total annual responses</b>	
Frequency of response = 1	<b>40 hr</b>
<b>Total burden hours</b>	
Time per full EDR response (20 hr x 2)	
<b>Total personnel cost</b> (completed by contractor)	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b> (501.50)	<b>\$6,242</b>
Photocopy -- Full EDR = \$0.05 x 15pp x 2 = 1.50	
Online submittal costs (0 x 2)	
Accountant completion of EDR (\$165 x 40 = \$6,240)	

<b>Catcher vessel crab EDR, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total personnel costs</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b>	<b>0</b>

**b. Annual catcher/processor crab EDR [CHANGED]**

Any owner or leaseholder of a catcher/processor that harvested or processed CR crab in the previous calendar year must submit to the DCA, electronically or at the address provided on the form, a completed catcher/processor EDR for annual data for the previous calendar year.

Catcher/processors participate in both harvesting and processing and therefore, the catcher/processor crab EDR includes elements for the collection of harvesting and processing information.

**Annual catcher/processor crab EDR Certification page**

Catcher/processor Information

- Catcher/processor Name and ADF&G Processor Code
- Registered Crab Receiver Permit Number
- Crab License Limitation Permit Number(s)
- USCG Documentation Number
- Current Estimated Market Value of Vessel and Equipment
- Replacement Value of Vessel and Equipment
- Name of Crab Harvesting Cooperative (if applicable)

Vessel Owner Information

- Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship
- Business Telephone Number and Business fax Number
- Business E-mail address, if available

Leaseholder Information (if applicable)

- Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship
- Business Telephone Number and Business fax Number
- Business E-mail address, if available

Person Completing this Report (check one)

- Owner (If name and address are the same as Owner Information block, do not repeat)
- Leaseholder (If name and address are as Leaseholder Information block, do not repeat)
- Designated Representative
  - Name and Title

Business Telephone Number and Business fax Number  
Business E-mail address (if available)

EDR filing Status

Check appropriate statement to describe EDR filing status  
Buyer/Leaseholder Information (if applicable)  
Buyer/Leaseholder Name  
Telephone Number (include area code)  
Business Address  
Date of Sale or Lease (day/month/year)

Signature and date signed

**Annual catcher/processor crab EDR**

CR Crab Ex-vessel Sales, by CR Fishery and Quota Type

Total pounds of BSAI crab landed by this vessel and sold to crab buyers during the previous calendar year.  
Gross Revenue from crab delivered to processors during the calendar year

CR Crab Product Sales

Species Code for CR crab product sold in previous calendar year  
Product Code for each product.  
Process Code. If more than one process was used to create a specific crab product form (such as cooked and frozen crab sections), enter more than one process code in the process code box for that product  
Box Size category code for each product sold  
Total finished pounds of each product sold  
Gross First Wholesale Revenue: Record the amount you received for each product sold

CR Crab Custom Processing Services Provided, by CR Fishery

CR Fishery Code for each CR fishery in which you provided custom processing services  
Product Code for each product  
Process Code for each product  
Total Raw Pounds of CR crab provided by RCRs receiving custom processing services  
Finished Pounds or total pounds of output for each custom processed product  
Custom Processing Revenue received for custom processing the specified products

Raw CR Crab Purchases from Delivering Vessels, by CR Fishery and Quota Type

Total pounds of Raw Pounds Purchased  
Total Gross value of raw crab purchases, including all post-season adjustments paid to sellers

CR Crab Custom Processing Services Purchased, by CR fishery

CR Fishery Code for each CR fishery in which you purchased custom processing services  
Product Code for each product.  
Process Code for each product.  
Total Raw Pounds of CR crab provided to processors providing custom processing services  
Finished Pounds or total pounds of output for each custom processed product  
Processing Fee or payment made to custom processors for each crab product

CR Crab Fishing and Processing Quota Costs, by CR Fishery and Quota type - Market-Value and Negotiated-Price Transfers Only

Total pounds of transferred crab fishing (IFQ, CDQ) and/or processing (IPQ) quota used to harvest CR crab on the vessel or purchase CR crab from delivering vessels during the previous calendar year  
Total gross cost paid as monetary compensation, before taxes or fees are deducted

CR Crab Crew Labor Cost, by CR Fishery

Total amount paid to vessel fishing crew and processing employees for labor services in CR fisheries during the previous calendar year, not including any amount paid to individuals as captain or vessel master  
Total payment made to the captain(s) for vessel master services in CR fisheries during the calendar year  
Indicate whether you provided paid health insurance or retirement benefits to captain or crew members in addition to labor payments reported above

Vessel Operating Expenses, by CR Fishery

Total cost of food and provisions purchased for use in each CR fishery during the previous calendar year  
Total cost of bait purchased for use in each CR fishery during the calendar year  
Total gallons of fuel consumed by the vessel while operating in each of the CR fisheries

Vessel Operating Expenses, Annual

Fuel Cost, Annual  
Total quantity of fuel purchased for the vessel during the previous calendar year, in gallons.

Total payment for fuel purchased for the vessel during the previous calendar year, including all sales taxes and surcharges

Vessel Labor Cost, Annual

Total direct payment to vessel processing employees, fishing crew, and captain for labor performed in all vessel operations during the calendar year, including shipyard labor and tendering

**BSAI Crab Crew Licenses and CFEC Permits**

For Commercial Crew Licenses, report the full 7-digit license number.

For Gear Operator Permits, include the fishery code and permit number (e.g. M71B25321N).

Changed accountant expense from \$100 to \$165 in response to a comment on OMB Control No. 0648-0401, which also requires accountant services. Changed number of respondents from 3 to 75 based on actual numbers.

<b>Catcher/processor crab EDR, Respondent</b>	
<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>75</b>
FULL = 74	
Certification only = 1	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>75</b>
Frequency of response = 1	
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>1,482 hr</b>
Time per FULL EDR (20 hr x 74 = 1480)	
Time per Certification only (2 hr x 1 = 2)	
<b>Total personnel cost (contractor)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b>	<b>\$244,575</b>
Photocopy \$0.05 x 12pp x 75 = 45	
Online submittal costs (0 x 75)	
Accountant completion of EDR (\$165/hr x 1482 = \$244,530)	

<b>Catcher/processor crab EDR, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b>	<b>0</b>

**c. Annual Processor (Shoreside Processor, Stationary Floating Processor, or Registered Crab Receiver) Crab EDR [CHANGED]**

Any owner or leaseholder of an SFCP or a shoreside crab processor that processed CR crab, including custom processing of CR crab performed for other crab buyers, in the previous calendar year must submit to the DCA, electronically or at the address provided on the form, a completed processor EDR for annual data for the previous calendar year.

Any holder of a registered crab receiver (RCR) permit that obtained custom processing for CR Program crab in the previous calendar year must submit to the DCA, electronically or at the address provided on the form, a completed processor EDR for annual data for the previous calendar year.

**Processor EDR Certification page**

**Processor Information**

Name and ADF&G Processor Code

RCR Permit Number

USCG Documentation Number

Current Estimated Market Value of processor and Equipment

Replacement Value of SFCP and Equipment

Owner Information

Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship  
Business Telephone Number and Business Fax Number  
Business E-mail address, if available

Leaseholder Information (if applicable)

Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship  
Business Telephone Number and Business Fax Number  
Business E-mail address, if available

Person Completing this Report

Indicate if owner, leaseholder, or designated representative

If Designated Representative

Name and Title  
Business Telephone Number and Business Fax Number  
Business E-mail address (if available)

EDR Filing Status

Select the appropriate statement to describe EDR filing status

Buyer/leaseholder Information

Name  
Business Telephone Number and Business Fax Number  
Business E-mail address (if available)

Signature and date signed

**Processor EDR**

CR Crab Product Sales

CR Crab Sales to Affiliated Entities  
Species Code for CR crab product sold  
Product Code for each product  
Process Code  
Box Size Code for each product sold  
Total finished Pounds of each product sold  
Gross First Wholesale Revenue you received for each product sold  
CR Crab Sales to Unaffiliated Entities  
Species Code for CR crab product sold  
Product Code for each product  
Process Code  
Box Size Code for each product sold  
Total finished Pounds of each product sold  
Gross First Wholesale Revenue you received for each product sold

CR Crab Custom Processing Services Provided, by CR Fishery

CR fishery code for each CR fishery in which you provided custom processing services  
Product Code for each product  
Process Code  
Total raw pounds of CR crab provided by RCRs receiving custom processing services from this facility  
Total finished pounds or total pounds of output for each custom processed product  
Custom Processing Revenue received for custom processing the specified products

Raw CR Crab Purchases from Delivering Vessels, by CR Fishery and Quota Type

Total Raw pounds purchased  
Total gross value of raw crab purchases, including all post-season adjustments paid to sellers

CR Crab Custom Processing Services Purchased, by CR Fishery

CR Fishery Code for each CR fishery in which you purchased custom processing services  
Product Code for each product.  
Process Code  
Total Raw Pounds of CR crab provided to processors providing custom processing services  
Finished Pounds or total pounds of output for each custom processed product  
Processing Fee or payment made to custom processors for each crab product.

CR Crab Processing Quota Costs by CR Fishery - Market-Value and Negotiated-Price Transfers Only

Total pounds of transferred crab (IPQ) acquired for your use in purchasing landed CR crab during the previous calendar year

Total gross cost paid as monetary compensation, before taxes or fees are deducted. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR, but do not report any payments not paid by this date

Crab Processing Labor Cost, by CR Fishery

Total Man-Hours or the sum of all hours worked by crab processing workers for each CR fishery

Total Labor Payment or total gross wages paid to crab processing workers in each CR fishery

Computed Average Hourly Wage (web form only)

General Non-processing Labor Expenses, Annual

Number of Employees or the number persons employed in non-processing positions at the processing facility during the previous calendar year

Salaries and wages or total calendar year gross wages for non-processing employees

CR Crab Processing Employee Residence

Official locations of residence

Number of individuals employed, by location.

For residence locations in Alaska, list individual Alaska cities

For US locations outside of Alaska, list individual US states

For non-US locations, list individual counties

For each location of residence

Total number of individuals employed processing CR crab

Total number of individuals employed in seafood processing in all fisheries, including CR crab

Changed time to complete from 10 hr to 16 hours based on actual numbers. Changed accountant fee from \$100 to \$165/hr. Changed number of respondents from 18 to 22.

<b>Processor crab EDR, Respondent</b>	
<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>22</b>
SFCP = 1	
Shoreside = 21	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>22</b>
Frequency of response = 1	
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>310 hr</b>
Full EDR = 16 hr x 19 = 304	
Certification only = 2 hr x 3 = 6	
<b>Total personnel cost (completed by contractor)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs (77513.20)</b>	<b>\$51,163</b>
Photocopy (\$0.05 x 12pp x 22 = 13.20)	
Online submittal costs (0 x 22)	
Accountant fee to complete EDR (\$165 x 310 = 51,150)	

<b>Processor crab EDR, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total personnel costs</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b>	<b>0</b>

**d. Verification of data [CHANGED]**

Crab EDRs were developed to aid the Council and NMFS in assessing the success of the program and developing amendments necessary to mitigate any unintended consequences. To ensure that the data submitted by respondents in the EDRs is accurate, PSMFC contracted an auditor, AKT CPAs and Business Consultants. The auditor developed a process to review the data contained within submitted EDRs, including verification audits for those EDRs containing odd or suspicious data values, and conducted random audits for a certain percentage of submitted

EDRs. Each year's audit report is posted (see [http://www.psmfc.org/alaska\\_crab/documents/2014\\_audit\\_results.pdf](http://www.psmfc.org/alaska_crab/documents/2014_audit_results.pdf)).

In summary, the purpose of the CR EDR and data validation is to:

- Aid the Council and NMFS in assessing the success of the CR Program;
- Understand the economic performance of crab fisherman;
- Understand how the economic performance has changed after rationalization;
- Isolate the effects attributable to the CR Program;
- Assess the validity of data reported in submitted EDRs; and
- Provide guidance on improvements in the EDR process to improve the validity of future data reporting

The owner or leaseholder must provide copies of additional data to facilitate verification. The auditor may review and request copies of additional data provided by the owner or leaseholder, including but not limited to previously audited or reviewed financial statements, worksheets, tax returns, invoices, receipts, and other original documents substantiating the data.

Auditors will verify records by comparing specific elements of the report with participant accounting records. To make this activity as efficient and non-intrusive as possible, NMFS suggests that participants:

- ◆ Keep a copy of the completed EDR or certification pages submitted to PSMFC. Copy and attach extra sheets as needed.
- ◆ Keep a file that has all of the supporting information used in the preparation of the EDR.
- ◆ Ensure that the EDR agrees to the company's highest level of financial information. For this purpose, the highest level of financial information is defined in order as:
  - Audited financial statements
  - Reviewed financial statements
  - Compiled financial statements
  - Tax returns.

The verification questions are usually small in number and occur through a telephone call or other short communication made by the auditor. The owner or leaseholder must respond to inquiries by the auditor within 20 days of the date of issuance of the inquiry. The 20-day response period is necessary in case there are EDR verification questions that are sequential based on previous questions.

Changed number of respondents and responses from 101 to 99. Changed burden hours from 808 to 792. Changed personnel cost from \$20,200 to 0. Changed miscellaneous cost to include cost from accountant to respond to audit.

<b>Verification of Data, Respondent</b>	
<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>99</b>
Catcher vessels = 2	
Catcher/processors = 75	
Processors = 22	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>99</b>
Frequency of response = 1	
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>792 hr</b>
Time per response = 8 hr	
<b>Total personnel cost</b> (completed by contractor)	<b>0</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b>	<b>\$16,434</b>
Photocopy (\$0.05 x 20pp x 99 = 99)	
Accountant fee to respond to auditor (\$165 x 99=16,335)	

<b>Verification of Data, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total personnel costs</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b>	<b>0</b>

It is anticipated that the information collected by the proposed action will be disseminated in aggregated and non-confidential form to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information about Crab Rationalization. NMFS will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

The EDRs may be downloaded from the NMFS web site at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/crab/rat/edr/default.htm>, printed, and submitted by e-mail or fax to PSMFC or submitted online at: [http://www.psmfc.org/alaska\\_crab/](http://www.psmfc.org/alaska_crab/).

The online web application of the EDRs is used almost unanimously. The online version reduces the time required for data processing by PSMFC and allows data providers to enter data directly into an online database. The online form includes additional directions and built-in error checking; this reduces the number of follow-up calls from PSMFC for error-correction purposes.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

No duplication exists in this collection.

**5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

Two catcher vessel owners will be required to submit EDRs under this action, hence are directly regulated by this action. Of these, one is a small entity based on the \$4.0 million threshold for defining small entities. The reason few of these vessels are small entities is that crab are relatively high value and most vessels belong to harvesting cooperatives, which pool IFQ for harvest.

Seventy-five catcher/processor owners are required to submit a catcher/processor EDR. None of these catcher processors is a small entity based on the \$4.0 million threshold for defining small entities.

Twenty-two entities are required to submit shore-based or floating processor forms (as either plant operators or individual processing quota holders that sell crab processed through custom processing arrangements). Of these, four are small entities that are controlled by community development corporations or non-profit entities; and five are estimated to be small entities because they employ fewer than 500 employees.

**6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

The intent of this collection is to study the impacts of the CR Program; to ensure that the program achieves equity between the harvesting and processing sectors; and to monitor the economic stability for harvesters, processors, and coastal communities. Without the specified reporting scheme described in this Supporting Statement, the program would be jeopardized.

NOAA Fisheries Office for Law Enforcement uses the individual and confidential EDR data to ensure industry compliance with the data reporting requirements of the CR Program. Compliance monitoring is an integral component of collecting reliable and accurate data. It would not be possible to ensure reporting compliance from the firms that are required to provide the data in a timely fashion without these enforcement tools.

If NMFS did not collect this information, all components of Pub. L. No. 108-199 would be threatened. Public Law No. 108-199 requires that each component of the CR Program enacted by Congress must be implemented or the whole program must be withdrawn. NMFS would be unable to provide data to the Council and the State of Alaska to evaluate the CR Program for each of the required review periods if the collection were not conducted.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.**

Not Applicable.

**8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

A Federal Register Notice published on December 15, 2015 (80 FR 77614) solicited public comment. No comments were received.

In addition, NMFS requested comments through a survey of participants and received the following comments:

Comments & Responses – 0518 renewal (3/16)

Sent 28 emails requesting comments March 21/22; one email was returned with incorrect address. Received 5 responses resulting in 5 comments.

**Comment 1 (attached as a supplementary document):**

This comment comes from a seafood industry trade association representing roughly 70% of the harvest sector participants in the BSAI crab fishery. The organization has been very involved in the Council process over the years and many of their members were integral to the development of the Crab Rationalization program over a decade ago. More specifically, they have been full participants in the ongoing discussion regarding the Crab EDRs. Several years ago the organization convened an internal working group to focus on EDR's. This working group consists of not only vessel owners and managers, but also many of the accountants and bookkeepers that actually "keep the books" and fill out the EDR's on behalf of their clients. As such, this letter reflects the collective expertise of many people who are intimately involved in the EDR process in any given year.

The Crab EDR program marked a significant change in the management of the BSAI crab fishery. As a publicly owned resource it is clearly the responsibility of managers at the state and Federal level to understand how this change impacts the resource, crab-dependent coastal communities, harvesters, processors, and other stakeholders. Based on that rationale, the Crab EDR program collected economic data for several years pre-Rationalization and has continued to collect data each year in the post-Rationalization period. While the working relationship has been strained at times, the harvest sector remains committed to working with NMFS to ensure that data are collected in the most efficient and least burdensome manner possible, while at the same time providing meaningful information upon which to base management decisions. As long as the data continues to be collected with these objectives in mind, we believe it has great public utility.

The commenter agreed that the instructions are fairly clear.

The commenter notes that the estimated time for response of 10 hours per response is a significant underestimate. They estimate the true time per response is closer to 20-25 hours over the course of a year. In the case of an EDR submission that is subject to an audit, we would estimate an additional 10 hours.

**Response:**

NMFS agrees with the increased time to complete and will change from 10 hours to 20 hours for the catcher vessel Crab EDR.

**Comment 2:**

Commenter said he does a lot of the coordination among crab harvesters regarding EDR's. He questions the two comment periods: one for the FR notice and one for the survey.

**Response:**

NMFS explained that there are two comment periods: one for the FRN and one for the survey. These two comment periods afford respondents two opportunities to provide comments to NMFS.

**Comment 3:**

The commenter said he completes Processor Crab EDRs for a Kodiak plant which takes one or two deliveries of EDR Crab annually. He suggests a minimum threshold should be established for how much crab must be purchased before the full EDR report is required to be completed. He gave this example: his plant purchased 173 million round pounds of fish last year and only 16,000 lbs of it was EDR Crab. Yet he was still required to spend 2 days working on this report and attempting to pick out the crab related expenses from the rest; it's actually difficult to apportion some of these expenses. He thinks the report actually takes longer than the estimated time of 10 hours, but even 10 hours is a lot for 16,000 lbs of qualifying crab.

**Response:**

NMFS disagrees with a minimum threshold because it is important to know how the EDR affects all respondents.

**Comment 4:**

Commenter says the Catcher vessel Crab EDR form is fine. Instructions are clear. Would prefer not to have to do these yearly, but the new forms are much less time consuming than the originals were. She is not sure about the public utility of the information. She does EDR reports for 2 crab catcher vessels.

**Response:**

NMFS acknowledges this comment.

**Comment 5:**

Commenter says that her husband is not available to complete the survey because he is in Alaska fishing herring. He will not return until early April to respond to the survey.

**Response:**

NMFS acknowledges that this comment shows that it is important to request comments more than once to allow fishermen to respond within their schedules.

**9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

No payment or gift will be provided under this program.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

The EDR data are confidential and are not disseminated to the public. PSMFC disseminates the EDR data to NMFS, ADF&G, and the Council staff after removing all personal identifiers such as vessel identification numbers, names, addresses, and telephone numbers. PSMFC assigns a randomized identification number that can be matched between datasets.

As stated on the forms, the information collected is confidential under section 303(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) and under [NOAA Administrative Order \(AO\) 216-100](#), which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics. It was last revised in 1994.

NOAA also follows regulatory procedures for data confidentiality found at [50 CFR Sec. 600.405](#) et seq. The Magnuson-Stevens Act generally prohibits collection of economic data, particularly from processing entities. In the legislation for the CR Program, an exception was created to the prohibition. NMFS was directed to implement a mandatory economic data program and feed the data to prescribed entities, with or without identifiers, depending on the entity.

NMFS will retain control over the information that is supplied, and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information.

A system of records notice for COMMERCE/NOAA System-16; Crab Economic Data Report for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) off the coast of Alaska, published on March 3, 2005 (70 FR 10360). An amended notice, Alaska Economic Data Reports including additional economic data collections collected under other OMB Control Nos. (0648-0518 (Crab Rationalization Program); 0648-0633 (Chinook Salmon); 0648-0564 (Groundfish Trawl Catcher/processor); and 0648-0700 (Gulf of Alaska Catcher/Vessel & Processor Trawl), was published on October 9, 2015 (80 FR 61157) and became effective on November 23, 2015.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

This information collection does not involve information of a sensitive nature.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

Estimated total respondents: 99, down from 101. Estimated total responses: 198, down from 217. Estimated total burden: 2,624 hr, up from 1,848 hr. Estimated total personnel costs: 0, down from \$20,200.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).**

Estimated total miscellaneous costs: \$318,414, up from \$101,746.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

Estimated total burden: 0 hr. Estimated total personnel costs: \$0.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.**

**There are no program changes.**

**Adjustments**

Catcher Vessel EDR

- a decrease of 78 respondents and responses, 2 instead of 80
- a decrease of 760 hours, 40 instead of 800 hr
- a decrease of \$73,882 miscellaneous costs, \$6,242 instead of \$80,124

Catcher/processor EDR

- an increase of 72 respondents and responses, 75 instead of 3
- an increase of 1,452 hours, 1,482 instead of 30 hr
- an increase of \$241,574 miscellaneous costs, \$244,575 instead of \$3,001

Processor EDR

- an increase of 4 respondents and responses, 22 instead of 18
- an increase of 130 hours, 310 instead of 180 hr
- an increase of \$33,152 miscellaneous costs, \$51,163 instead of \$18,011

Audit/verification

- a decrease of 2 respondents and responses, 99 instead of 101
- a decrease of 16 hours, 792 instead of 808 hr
- a decrease of 20,200 personnel costs, \$0 instead of \$20,200
- an increase of \$15,828 miscellaneous costs, \$16,434 instead of \$606.

**16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.**

The Council uses the data for ongoing monitoring of and developing amendments to the CR Program. In addition, the EDR data are used in analyses for the Alaska Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report. The SAFE is a document or set of documents that provides the Council with a summary of information concerning the most recent biological condition of stocks and the marine ecosystems in the Fishery Management Unit and the social and economic condition of the recreational and commercial fishing interests, fishing communities, and the fish processing industries. The SAFE report may be used to update or expand previous environmental and regulatory impact documents, and ecosystem and habitat descriptions.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

Not Applicable.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.**

Not Applicable.

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
ALASKA REGION CRAB ECONOMIC DATA REPORTS (EDR)  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0518**

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

The Council developed the following purpose and need statement defining its rationale for considering this action:

*As a part of its Bering Sea and Aleutian Island crab rationalization (CR) program, the Council developed a comprehensive economic data collection (EDR) program to provide information to analysts to assess the effects of the CR program and identify problems that may require future amendments to the EDR program.*

*The Council expressly wants to limit the EDR to the collection of data that have been demonstrated, through the development of the EDR metadata, and other reviews of the data, to be sufficiently accurate. Data collection should be structured and specific elements identified, to minimize costs while maintaining accuracy and providing the greatest information value to the management decision making process.*

*As analysts develop, refine, and verify methods for accurately collecting additional informative data elements, the Council will consider expansion of the data collection program to include those elements. This process can also inform the future Council action regarding other existing and future EDR programs.*

**1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.**

This data collection process is in the form of a census; therefore, all vessel and plant owners are required to fill out the EDRs or certification section, as applicable. The response rate is expected to be 100 percent, as it was in 2011. NOAA Fisheries Office for Enforcement (OLE) can levy fines against any individual who does not comply with the law.

**2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.**

EDRs will be collected from all vessels and plant owners participating in CR crab fisheries during each year. Owners of these vessels and plants will be identified through fish tickets,

COAR, and crab quota shareholder data. We will not be sampling from these populations, but rather compiling a census for the historical years and a census for all future years.

With the response (produced from completed and verified data forms), AFSC analysts will construct statistical models for estimating key variable values for each strata. These data will also be used to develop cost functions from this data and to estimate changes in variable costs of operations, average gross earnings, and changes to net revenues arising from changes in the costs of elements collected. Data may be developed to estimate changes in purchases and economic impacts before and after CR Program implementation. Several methods are available to estimate these outputs. The analysts will select the best methods based on an assessment of the data in this collection and from other sources.

**3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.**

Each of the owners and leaseholders in the CR crab harvesting and processing sectors is required to submit an annual EDR. Therefore, the response to mandatory data requirements should be very high. Those individuals who do not submit their EDR by the submission date will receive a follow-up phone call from PSMFC. If a solution cannot be reached at that point, their information will be referred to the OLE. Therefore, we are anticipating response rates of 95-100 percent.

Enforcement of the data collection program with regard to non-compliance has been different from enforcement programs used to ensure that accurate landings are reported. The economic data will not be used for in-season management; persons submitting the data are given an opportunity to correct omissions and errors before any enforcement action is taken.

Giving the person submitting data a chance to correct problems is considered important because of the complexities associated with generating these data. Only if the agency and the person submitting the data cannot reach a solution would the enforcement agency be contacted. The intent of this program is to ensure that accurate data are collected without being overly burdensome on industry for unintended errors.

**4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.**

Since the CR crab EDR Program has been in place, informal testing has taken place by meeting with EDR submitters to discuss ways in which the forms used to request information could be improved. The accountants that perform the data quality audits, as well as PSMFC (who administers the data collection) also document ways in which the EDRs could be clarified and we have used this information to clarify instructions and variable definitions.

**5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.**

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# ANNUAL CATCHER/PROCESSOR CRAB ECONOMIC DATA REPORT (EDR) CALENDAR YEAR 2014

This form can be downloaded from  
<http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>



### ***PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT***

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 hours per response, including time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

### ***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION***

Before completing this form, please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts for crab under 50 CFR part 680 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*) And 16 U.S.C. 1862(j); 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

# ANNUAL CATCHER/PROCESSOR CRAB EDR

## Introduction

This report collects information on Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) crab operations, including Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program (CDQ) crab fisheries. The fisheries are referred to as Crab Rationalization fisheries (CR fisheries). Pursuant to the legislation, the data and identifiers will also be used for program enforcement and determination of qualification for quota shares. Consequently, identifiers and data will be disclosed to NOAA Enforcement, NOAA General Counsel, the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and NOAA Restricted Access Management Program.

You have received this form because our records show that you are either the owner of a catcher/processor that participated in the BSAI crab fisheries in the past or were leased a catcher/processor that participated in the BSAI crab fisheries in the past. **You are required to submit the Certification Pages (pages 3 and 4) and any additional information requested in the Economic Data Report (EDR). Failure to submit an EDR form when required will result in delay in and/or denial of any and all permit applications.**

To make sure that each company is consistently and accurately completing the EDR, random audits will be performed by a qualified accountant on some of the EDRs for a subset of the crab fishery participants. This step will ensure that the data can be relied upon to produce accurate and reliable information for the Alaska crab fisheries.

Auditors will verify records by comparing specific elements of the report with your accounting records. To make this activity as efficient and non-intrusive as possible, we suggest that you:

1. Keep a copy of the completed EDR or certification pages you submit to the Data Collection Agent (DCA). Copy and attach extra sheets as needed.
2. Keep a file that has all of the supporting information used in the preparation of the EDR.
3. Make sure that the EDR agrees to the company's highest level of financial information. For this purpose, the highest level of financial information is defined in order as:
  - a. Audited financial statements
  - b. Reviewed financial statements
  - c. Compiled financial statements
  - d. Tax returns.

Record only whole numbers. Round up dollar figures to the next highest dollar.

If YOUR label address is incorrect or missing, please correct the error on the label or print your permanent name and address here.

Catcher/processor Name
Company Name
Street address or P.O. Box Number
City, State, and Zip Code

**NOTE:**

Any owner or leaseholder of a catcher/processor used to process crab in a Crab Rationalization (CR) fishery during the previous calendar year must submit a completed Annual Catcher/Processor Crab Economic Data Report (EDR) following the instructions in this form. The completed EDR and/or EDR certification pages must be submitted to the Data Collection Agent (DCA) for each calendar year on or before July 31 of the following year, electronically or at the address provided on the form. **If the owner or leaseholder of this vessel harvested but did not process any crab, a Catcher Vessel EDR may be submitted instead of this form.** A Catcher Vessel EDR form may be requested from Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission at the address or phone number listed below.

**Definition of "Leaseholder":** For the purpose of defining the persons responsible for submitting the EDR, a Leaseholder is a person, other than the owner of the catcher/processor for which the EDR is required, who: was identified as the leaseholder, in a written lease, of the catcher/processor, **OR** paid expenses of the catcher/processor, **OR** claimed expenses for the catcher/processor as a business expense on schedule C of his/her Federal Income Tax Return, or on a State Income Tax Return.

**Mail or FAX Certification Pages or Entire EDR by July 31 to:**

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission 205 SE Spokane, Suite 100 Portland, OR 97202
Email: <a href="mailto:alaska_crab@psmfc.org">alaska_crab@psmfc.org</a>
FAX Number: 503-595-3450
For more information or if you have questions, please call toll free 1-877-741-8913

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**CERTIFICATION PAGE – 1 of 2**

This is a **required form**. Provide all information requested below.

<b>Catcher/Processor Information</b>	
Catcher/Processor Name	ADF&G Processor Code (F Code)
	Registered Crab Receiver Permit Number
USCG Documentation Number	Crab License Limitation Permit Number(s)
Current Estimated Market Value of Vessel and Equipment (\$)	Replacement Value of Vessel and Equipment (\$)
Name of Crab Harvesting Cooperative (if applicable)	

<b>Vessel Owner Information</b>	
Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship	
Business Telephone Number	Business FAX Number
Business E-mail address, if available	

<b>Vessel Leaseholder Information (if applicable)</b>	
Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship	
Business Telephone Number	Business FAX Number
Business E-mail address, if available	

**NOTE:** Any owner or leaseholder may appoint a designated representative to respond to questions in the EDR. The designated representative is the primary contact person for the DCA on issues relating to data required in the EDR.

<b>Person Completing this Report (check one)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Owner Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaseholder (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Leaseholder Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Representative (complete information below)	
Name	Title
Business Number Telephone	Business FAX Number
Business E-mail address (if available)	

**CERTIFICATION PAGE – 2 of 2**

**Select one of the following statements and provide any requested information. Check one box below.** Note: The descriptions below refer to leasing of the vessel. Do not provide information regarding any quota leasing here – questions will be asked about quota leases in the EDR form.

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. You are the catcher/processor <b>owner</b> , and you harvested or processed BSAI crab in the above described vessel during the 2014 calendar year. <b>Complete and submit <u>entire EDR</u> for the 2014 calendar year.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. You are the catcher/processor <b>leaseholder</b> , you harvested or processed BSAI crab in the above described vessel during the 2014 calendar year. <b>Complete and submit <u>entire EDR</u> for the 2014 calendar year.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. You are the catcher/processor <b>owner</b> , and you leased or sold the above described vessel for a portion of the year to another party, and <b>harvested or processed some BSAI crab</b> in the above described catcher/processor during the 2014 calendar year (provide the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom you leased or sold the vessel during the 2014 calendar year below). <p align="center"><b>OR</b></p> You are the catcher/processor <b>owner</b> and the vessel was lost or rendered permanently inoperable due to accident and harvested or processed no BSAI crab in the above described vessel during the 2013 calendar year. <b>Complete and submit <u>entire EDR</u> for the 2014 calendar year.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. You are the catcher/processor <b>owner</b> , you leased or sold the above described <b>vessel</b> to another party, and <b>harvested or processed no BSAI crab</b> in the above described vessel during the 2014 calendar year (provide the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom you leased or sold the vessel during the 2014 calendar year below). <p align="center"><b>OR</b></p> You are the catcher/processor <b>owner</b> and the vessel was lost or rendered permanently inoperable due to accident, and <b>harvested or processed some BSAI crab</b> in the above described vessel during the 2014 calendar year. <b>Complete and submit the <u>EDR Certification Pages only.</u></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. You are the catcher/processor <b>owner</b> , and no one harvested or processed BSAI crab in the above described catcher/processor during the 2014 calendar year. <b>Complete and submit the <u>EDR Certification Pages only.</u></b>	
<b>Buyer/Leaseholder Information (if applicable)</b>	
Buyer/Leaseholder Name	
Business address	
Telephone No (include area code)	Date of Sale or Lease (day/month/2014)

**Read the following statement, and sign and date the box below:**

<b>I certify under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed all the information in this report and that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.</b>	
Signature	Date signed

## Instructions for completing this EDR Form

- Provide all information requested in each section.
- Record only whole numbers, and round all decimal values up.
- Record a zero (0) or not applicable (N/A) where appropriate, and do not skip any questions or leave any data entry cells blank.
- Submit the completed certification and EDR form as required on or before the reporting deadline of **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. All information reported must be current and complete as of the date of submission, including post-season adjustments and settlements.

**Table A: Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (CR) Program Fisheries**

CR Fishery Code	CR Fishery	Geographic Area
<b>BBR</b>	Bristol Bay red king crab ( <i>Paralithodes camtschaticus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>a northern boundary</b> of 58° 30' N. lat., <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54° 36' N. lat., and <b>a western boundary</b> of 168° W. long. and including all waters of Bristol Bay.
<b>BSS</b>	Bering Sea Snow crab ( <i>Chionoecetes opilio</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>a northern and western boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991) with <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54° 30' N. lat. to 171° W. long., and then south to 54° 36' N. lat.
<b>EAG</b>	Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab ( <i>Lithodes aequispinus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude of Scotch Cap Light (164° 44' W. long.) to 53° 30' N. lat., then West to 165° W. long. <b>a western boundary</b> of 174° W. long., and <b>a northern boundary</b> of a line from the latitude of Cape Sarichef (54° 36' N. lat.) westward to 171° W. long., then north to 55° 30' N. lat., then west to 174° W. long.
<b>WAG</b>	Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab ( <i>Lithodes aequispinus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude 174° W. long., <b>a western boundary</b> the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991), and <b>a northern boundary</b> of a line from the latitude of 55°30' N. lat., then west to the U.S.-Russian Convention line of 1867.
<b>EBT</b>	Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab ( <i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i> )	in waters of the EEZ <b>a western boundary</b> the longitude of 166° W. long <b>a northern boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991) <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54° 36' N. lat.
<b>WBT</b>	Western Bering Sea Tanner crab ( <i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i> )	In waters of the EEZ with: <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude of 166° W. long., <b>a northern and western boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991) <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54°30'N. lat. To 171° W. long., and then south to 54°36' N. lat.

<b>PIK</b>	Pribilof red king and blue king crab ( <i>Paralithodes camtschaticus</i> and <i>P. platypus</i> )	In waters of the EEZ with: <b>a northern boundary</b> of 58° 30' N. lat., <b>an eastern boundary</b> of 168° W. long., <b>a southern boundary</b> line from 54° 36' N. lat., 168° W. long., to 54° 36' N. lat., 171° W. long., to 55° 30' N. lat., 171° W. long., to 55° 30' N. lat., 173° 30' E. lat., and then westward to the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991).
<b>SMB</b>	St. Matthew blue king crab ( <i>Paralithodes platypus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>a northern boundary</b> of 62° N. lat., <b>a southern boundary</b> of 58°30' N. lat., and <b>a western boundary</b> of the maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991).
<b>WAI</b>	Western Aleutian Islands red king crab ( <i>Paralithodes camtschaticus</i> )	In waters of the EEZ with: <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude 179° W. long., <b>a western boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991), and <b>a northern boundary</b> of a line from the latitude of 55°30' N. lat., then west to the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991).

**Table B: Quota Type**

Quota Type Code	CR Quota Types
CVO-A	Catcher Vessel Owner Class A IFQ, all Regions
CVO-B	Catcher Vessel Owner Class B IFQ
CPO	Catcher Processor Owner IFQ
CVC	Catcher Vessel Crew IFQ
CPC	Catcher Processor Crew IFQ
CDQ	Community Development Quota
ACA-WAG	Adak Community Allocation Western Aleutian Island Golden king crab IFQ

**Table C. Crab Species Codes**

Species Code	Common Name	Scientific Name
921	Red king crab	<i>Paralithodes camtschaticus</i>
922	Blue king crab	<i>Paralithodes platypus</i>
923	Golden (brown) king crab	<i>Lithodes aequispinus</i>
931	Tanner crab	<i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i>
932	Snow crab	<i>Chionoecetes opilio</i>

**Table D. Crab Product Codes Used for EDRs**

Code	Description
01	Whole crab
80	Crab sections
81	Crab meats
82	Crab claws
83	Crab tails
84	Crab legs
97	Other crab product (specify)

**Table E. Crab Process Codes.**

- (1) If multiple processes were used during a crab fishery, record the information for each process on a separate line.
- (2) If more than one of the following processes was used to create a specific product (such as brined and frozen crab, or cooked and frozen crab) you may enter more than one process code in the process code box for that product.

Process Code	Description
00	Other (specify):
01	Raw
02	Plate frozen/Blast frozen
03	Brined/frozen
07	Live

**Table F. Box Size Codes**

Code	Description
Small	Boxes 15 pounds or smaller
Large	Boxes larger than 15 pounds

## 1. CR Crab Ex-vessel Sales, by CR Fishery and Quota Type

In Table 1 below, record the total pounds sold and gross revenue received for ex-vessel sales to crab buyers for all CR crab landed by the vessel during calendar year 2014. Report pounds and revenue for each CR fishery and harvest quota permit type separately, using the CR Fishery codes from Table A and Quota Type codes from Table B. *Report all crab landed by the vessel, including all crab landed using harvest quota held by or leased from a harvest cooperative or other entity.*

**Pounds Sold:** Record the total pounds of BSAI crab landed by this vessel and sold to crab buyers during the previous calendar year. Exclude deadloss crab that is discarded unsold at the landing.

**Gross Revenue:** Record the gross revenue from crab delivered to processors during the calendar year. Report the gross ex-vessel revenue value of all landings before deductions for taxes, bait, quota royalties, or other withholding by crab buyers or other entities. Include all post-season adjustments received by the date of submitting this EDR, but do not report any payments not yet received as of this date.

**Table 1: CR Crab Ex-vessel Sales, by CR Fishery and Quota Type**

Quota Type	CR Fishery	Pounds Sold	Gross Revenue
CVO-A	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CVO-B	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$

Quota Type	CR Fishery	Pounds Sold	Gross Revenue
CPO	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CVC	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CPC	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CDQ	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
ACA-WAG	WAG	lbs	\$

## 2. CR Crab Product Sales

In Tables 2a and 2b below, report calendar year crab product sales from CR fisheries. Report sales to **affiliated** entities (Table 2a) and to **unaffiliated** entities (Table 2b) for each combination of crab species, product, process, and box size sold. Do not include sales of crab product produced from fisheries other than CR crab fisheries.

For further details on the definition of “Affiliation” refer to the federal regulations at 50 CFR part 680.2.

**Species Code:** Record the species codes from Table C for CR crab product sold in 2014.

**Product Code:** Record the product codes from Table D for each product.

**Process Code:** Record the process codes from Table E. If more than one process was used to create a specific crab product form (such as cooked *and* frozen crab sections), enter more than one process code in the process code box for that product.

**Box Size Code:** Record the box size category code from Table F for each product sold.

For each unique product combination of CR crab species, product code, process code(s), and box size code identified using the codes listed in Tables C-F that was sold during 2014, report the following:

**Finished Pounds:** Record the total finished pounds of each product sold.

**Gross First Wholesale Revenue:** Record the amount you received for each product sold. Do not include any additional payment you received to cover any shipping, handling, or storage costs associated with the sale beyond the FOB port. Adjust all revenues to FOB Alaska-equivalent value. Do not deduct any broker fees, taxes paid, royalties for IPQ, or other fees or charges

**Table 2a: CR Crab Sales to Affiliated Entities**

Species Code	Product Code	Process Code	Box Size Code	Finished Pounds	Revenue
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$

**Table 2b: CR Crab Sales to Unaffiliated Entities**

Species Code	Product Code	Process Code	Box Size Code	Finished Pounds	Revenue
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$

### 3. CR Crab Custom Processing Services Provided, by CR Fishery

In Table 3 below, record processed output and revenue received for custom processing of CR crab performed for other crab buyers during the previous calendar year, by product code and process code for each CR Fishery Code in which custom processing was provided.

**CR Fishery Code:** Record the code from Table A for each CR fishery in which you provided custom processing services. If you produced multiple custom products within a CR fishery, record information for each on separate lines.

**Product Code:** Record the product codes from Table D for each product.

**Process Code:** Record the process codes from Table E. If more than one process was used to create a specific crab product form (such as cooked *and* frozen crab sections) enter more than one process code in the process code box for that product.

For each CR fishery and unique combination of product code and process code(s) identified using the codes listed in Tables D and E produced as custom processing, report the following:

**Raw Pounds:** Record the total raw pounds of CR crab provided by RCRs receiving custom processing services from this processing facility.

**Finished Pounds:** Record the total pounds of output for each custom processed product.

**Custom Processing Revenue:** Record the revenue received for custom processing the specified products.

**Table 3: Custom Processing Services Provided**

CR Fishery Code	Product Code	Process Code(s)	Raw Pounds	Finished Pounds	Custom Processing Revenue
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$

**4. Raw CR Crab Purchases from Delivering Vessels, by CR Fishery and Quota Type**

In Table 4 below, record the following information on raw crab purchases from delivering vessels during the previous calendar year, by CR Fishery Code and fishing quota type. Use the CR Fishery codes from Table A and Quota Type codes from Table B.

**Raw Pounds Purchased**

Record the total pounds of raw crab purchased.

**Gross Payment**

Record total gross value of raw crab purchases, including all post-season adjustments paid to sellers as of the date of submitting this EDR.

**Table 4: Raw Crab Purchases from delivering vessels, by CR Fishery and Quota Type**

CR Fishery Code	Quota Type	Raw Pounds Purchased	Gross Payment
		lbs	\$

**5. CR Crab Custom Processing Services Purchased, by CR Fishery**

In Table 5 below, record the following information on custom crab processing provided for you by processors during the previous calendar year, by product code and process code for each CR Fishery Code in which custom processing was purchased.

**CR Fishery Code:** Record the code from Table A for each CR fishery in which you purchased custom processing services. If you received multiple custom products within a CR fishery, record information for each on separate lines.

**Product Code:** Record the product codes from Table D for each product.

**Process Code:** Record the process codes from Table E. If more than one process was used to create a specific crab product form (such as cooked *and* frozen crab sections) enter more than one process code in the process code box for that product.

For each CR fishery and unique combination of product code and process code(s) identified using the codes listed in Tables D and E produced as custom processing, report the following:

**Raw Pounds:** Record the total raw pounds of CR crab provided to processors providing custom processing services

**Finished Pounds:** Record the total pounds of output for each custom processed product.

**Processing Fee:** Record the payment made to custom processors for each crab product.

**Table 5: Custom Processing Services Purchased**

CR Fishery Code	Product Code	Process Code	Raw Pounds	Finished Pounds	Processing Fee
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$

**6. CR Crab Fishing and Processing Quota Costs, by CR Fishery and Quota Type - Market-Value and Negotiated-Price Transfers Only**

In Table 6 below, record the total pounds and monetary cost for transfers of annual CR crab fishing (IFQ, CDQ) and/or processing (IPQ) quota pounds received for your use during the previous calendar year, by CR fishery. Use the CR Fishery codes from Table A and Quota Type codes from Table B.

Include only transfers of quota for which you paid the only monetary compensation, based on the market value or a price negotiated between you and the quota holder(s). Do **not** include quota transfers for which:

- payment was based on a nominal (or non-negotiated) price, **or**
- non-monetary or in-kind compensation was included in the transaction, in addition to transferred quota pounds and monetary payment, **or**
- you did not use the quota pounds for crab harvested and/or processed by this vessel or purchased from delivering vessels by the end of the season, or re-transferred the quota pounds for use by another vessel.

For all market-value and/or negotiated-price quota transfers, report the following:

**Pounds Transferred:** Record the total pounds of transferred crab fishing (IFQ, CDQ) and/or processing (IPQ) quota used to harvest CR crab on the vessel or purchase CR crab from delivering vessels during the previous calendar year.

**Total Cost:** Record the total gross cost paid as monetary compensation, before taxes or fees are deducted. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR, but do not report any payments not paid by this date.

**Table 6: CR Annual Crab Fishing and Processing Quota Costs, by CR Fishery and Quota Type - Market-Value and Negotiated Price Transfers Only**

Quota Type	CR Fishery	Pounds Transferred	Total Cost
CVO-A	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$

Quota Type	CR Fishery	Pounds Transferred	Total Cost
CVO-B	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CPO	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CVC	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CPC	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$

Quota Type	CR Fishery	Pounds Transferred	Total Cost
CDQ	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
ACA-WAG	WAG	lbs	\$

**7: CR Crab Crew Labor Costs, by CR Fishery**

In Table 7 below, record the total direct payment to vessel fishing crew, processing employees, and captain for labor performed in CR fisheries during calendar year 2014, by CR fishery. Use the CR Fishery codes from Table A.

Report the total payment amount actually paid to processing employees, fishing crew, and captain in gross earnings and settlements, not earnings before vessel-related expenses (such as fuel, bait, or food and provisions) were deducted. Exclude any payments for labor provided before or after crab fishing seasons, or for crab fishing quota that the crew or captain leased to the vessel. Exclude non-wage expenses such as payroll taxes, unemployment insurance, workmen’s compensation, and exclude costs of non-wage benefits provided such as paid travel, health insurance, or retirement.

**Labor Payment – Fishing and Processing Crew:** Record the total amount paid to vessel fishing crew and processing employees for labor services in CR fisheries during the previous calendar year, not including any amount paid to individuals as captain or vessel master. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR.

**Labor Payment - Captain:** Record the total payment made to the captain(s) for vessel master services in CR fisheries during the previous calendar year. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR.

**Table 7: CR Crab Crew Labor Payments, by CR Fishery**

CR Fishery	Labor Payment	
	Fishing and Processing Crew	Captain
BBR	\$	\$
BSS	\$	\$
EAG	\$	\$
WAG	\$	\$
EBT	\$	\$
WBT	\$	\$
SMB	\$	\$
PIK	\$	\$
WAI	\$	\$

**Health Insurance and Retirement Benefits:** Did you provide paid health insurance or retirement benefits to captain or crew members in addition to labor payments reported above?

**Crew:**  Yes  No

**Captain:**  Yes  No

## 8: Vessel Operating Expenses, by CR Fishery

In Table 8 below, record the following operating expenses for this vessel, by CR fishery. Include any taxes paid in the cost value reported. Use the CR Fishery codes from Table A.

If one or more of the items listed below are not purchased and/or tracked in your accounting system on a fishery basis, estimate the amount for each fishery for EDR reporting purposes by pro-rating the total amount purchased or consumed based on the average daily use or cost of the item during fishery operations and number of days operating in each fishery.

**Food and Provisions – Total Cost:** Record the total cost of food and provisions purchased for use in each CR fishery during the previous calendar year.

**Crab Bait Purchased - Total Cost:** Record the total cost of bait purchased for use in each CR fishery during the calendar year. Do not include cost of bait used in CR fisheries during 2014 that was purchased for fisheries occurring prior to the 2014 calendar year.

**Fuel Consumed – Gallons Only:** Record the total gallons of fuel consumed by the vessel while operating in each of the CR fisheries. Include the amount of fuel used during directed fishing, searching, traveling between delivery ports and fishing grounds, and offloading catch. Do not include amount of fuel used transiting to and from your home port before and/or after crab fishery operations.

**Table 8: Vessel Operating Expenses, by CR Fishery**

CR Fishery	Food & Provisions Total Cost	Bait Purchased Total Cost	Fuel consumed (gallons)
BBR	\$	\$	gal
BSS	\$	\$	gal
EAG	\$	\$	gal
WAG	\$	\$	gal
EBT	\$	\$	gal
WBT	\$	\$	gal
SMB	\$	\$	gal
PIK	\$	\$	gal
WAI	\$	\$	gal

## 9: Vessel Operating Expenses, Annual

In Table 9 below, record the total calendar year expenditure on the following operating costs for this vessel. Include any taxes paid on the listed items in the total.

### Fuel Cost, Annual

**Gallons:** Record the total quantity of fuel purchased for the vessel during the previous calendar year, in gallons.

**Cost:** Record the total payment for fuel purchased for the vessel for all crab, non-crab, and non-fishing operations during the previous calendar year, including all sales taxes and surcharges. Do not include the cost of lubrication or other fluids.

**Vessel Labor Cost:** Record the total direct payment to vessel processing employees, fishing crew, and captain for labor performed in all vessel operations during the calendar year, including shipyard labor and tendering. Include labor payments for CR crab operations reported in Table 7 in the total.

**Table 9: Vessel Operating Expenses, Annual**

Fuel		Vessel Labor Cost
Gallons	Cost	
gal	\$	\$

## 10. BSAI Crab Crew Licenses and CFEC Permits

In Table 10 below, for each individual who worked as a captain or crewmember during the previous calendar year, record either the Alaska Commercial Crew license number or a State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) gear operator permit number. Do not record more than one license or permit number for any individual, but include every individual that worked on the vessel as a captain or crewmember during CR fisheries.

For Commercial Crew Licenses, report the full 7-digit license number. For Gear Operator Permits, including permits not endorsed for crab, include the fishery code and permit number (e.g., M71B25321N). Indicate if the number reported is an ADF&G Commercial Crew License number or a CFEC Gear Operator Permit Number in the appropriate checkbox.

**Table 10: Crew Licenses/Permits**

Crewmember	License/Permit Number	Check One		Crewmember	License/Permit Number	Check One	
		ADF&G Crew License	CFEC Gear Operator Permit			ADF&G Crew License	CFEC Gear Operator Permit
1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Note: Commercial fishing license and permit information is public record. A vessel master has the right to record the crew member's license number or permit ID and no release is necessary to report the information here. EDR submitters can contact ADF&G or CFEC to request license or permit numbers by crewmember name at the contacts below:

ADF&G – Commercial Crew License Licensing Questions (907) 465-2376 Licensing FAX (907) 465-2440 Licensing Email <a href="mailto:licensehelp@fishgame.state.ak.us">licensehelp@fishgame.state.ak.us</a>	CFEC - Gear Operator Permit Phone: (907) 790-6921 Email: <a href="mailto:dfg.cfec.questions@alaska.gov">dfg.cfec.questions@alaska.gov</a> Website: <a href="http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/publook/publook.jsp">http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/publook/publook.jsp</a>
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## NOTES

# ANNUAL CATCHER VESSEL CRAB ECONOMIC DATA REPORT (EDR) CALENDAR YEAR 2014

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# ANNUAL CATCHER VESSEL CRAB EDR

## Introduction

This report collects information on Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) crab operations, including Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program (CDQ) crab fisheries. The fisheries are referred to as Crab Rationalization fisheries (CR fisheries). Pursuant to the legislation, the data and identifiers will also be used for program enforcement and determination of qualification for quota shares. Consequently, identifiers and data will be disclosed to NOAA Enforcement, NOAA General Counsel, the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and NOAA Restricted Access Management Program.

You have received this form because our records show that you are either the owner of a catcher vessel that participated in the BSAI crab fisheries in the past or were leased a catcher vessel that participated in the BSAI crab fisheries in the past. **You are required to submit the Certification Pages (pages 3 and 4) and any additional information requested in the Economic Data Report (EDR). Failure to submit an EDR form when required may result in delay or denial of any and all federal fishery permit applications.**

To make sure that each company is consistently and accurately completing the EDR, random audits will be performed by a qualified accountant on some of the EDRs for a subset of the crab fishery participants. This step will ensure that the data can be relied upon to produce accurate and reliable information for the Alaska crab fisheries.

Auditors will verify records by comparing specific elements of the report with your accounting records. To make this activity as efficient and non-intrusive as possible, we suggest that you:

1. Keep a copy of the completed EDR or certification pages you submit to the Data Collection Agent (DCA). Copy and attach extra sheets as needed.
2. Keep a file that has all of the supporting information used in the preparation of the EDR.
3. Make sure that the EDR agrees to the company's highest level of financial information. For this purpose, the highest level of financial information is defined in order as:
  - a. Audited financial statements
  - b. Reviewed financial statements
  - c. Compiled financial statements
  - d. Tax returns.

Record only whole numbers. Round up dollar figures to the next highest dollar

If YOUR label address is incorrect or missing, please correct the error on the label or print your permanent name and address here.

Vessel Name
Company Name
Street address or P.O. Box Number
City, State, and Zip Code

**NOTE:**

Any owner or leaseholder of a catcher vessel used to harvest crab in a Crab Rationalization (CR) fishery during the previous calendar year must submit a completed Annual Catcher Vessel Crab Economic Data Report (EDR) following the instructions in this form. The completed EDR and/or EDR certification pages must be submitted to the Data Collection Agent (DCA) for each calendar year on or before July 31 of the following year, electronically or at the address provided on the form.

Definition of "Leaseholder": For the purpose of defining the persons responsible for submitting the EDR, a Leaseholder is a person, other than the owner of the catcher vessel for which the EDR is required, who: was identified as the leaseholder, in a written lease, of the catcher vessel, OR paid expenses of the catcher vessel, OR claimed expenses for the catcher vessel as a business expense on schedule C of his/her Federal Income Tax Return, or on a State Income Tax Return.

Mail or FAX Certification Pages or Entire EDR by July 31 to:

**Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission  
205 SE Spokane, Suite 100  
Portland, OR 97202**

**FAX Number: 503-595-3450**

**For more information or if you have questions,  
please call toll free 1-877-741-8913**

**CERTIFICATION PAGE – 1 of 2**

This is a required form. Provide all information requested below.

<b>Catcher Vessel Information</b>	
Vessel Name	ADF&G Vessel Registration Number
	Crab License Limitation Permit Number(s)
	USCG Documentation Number
Current Estimated Market Value of Vessel and Equipment (\$)	Replacement Value of Vessel and Equipment (\$)
Name of Crab Harvesting Cooperative (if applicable)	

<b>Vessel Owner Information</b>	
Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship	
Business Telephone Number	Business Fax Number
Business E-mail address, if available	

<b>Vessel Leaseholder Information (if applicable)</b>	
Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship	
Business Telephone Number	Business Fax Number
Business E-mail address, if available	

**NOTE:** Any owner or leaseholder may appoint a designated representative to respond to questions in the EDR. The designated representative is the primary contact person for the DCA on issues relating to data required in the EDR.

<b>Person Completing this Report (check one)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Owner Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaseholder (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Leaseholder Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Representative (complete information below)	
Name	Title
Business Telephone Number	Business Fax Number
Business E-mail address, if available	

**CERTIFICATION PAGE – 2 of 2**

Select one of the following statements and provide any requested information. Check one box below. Note: The descriptions below refer to leasing of the vessel. Do not provide information regarding any quota leasing here – questions will be asked about quota leases in the EDR form.

<input type="checkbox"/> You are the catcher vessel owner, and you harvested BSAI crab in the above described vessel during the 2014 calendar year. Complete and submit <b>entire EDR</b> for the 2014 calendar year.	
<input type="checkbox"/> You are the catcher vessel leaseholder, you harvested BSAI crab in the above described vessel during the 2014 calendar year. Complete and submit <b>entire EDR</b> for the 2014 calendar year.	
<input type="checkbox"/> You are the catcher vessel owner, and you leased or sold the above described vessel for a portion of the year to another party, and harvested some BSAI crab in the above described catcher vessel during the 2014 calendar year (provide the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom you leased or sold the vessel during the 2014 calendar year below). OR You are the catcher vessel owner and vessel was lost or rendered permanently inoperable due to accident, and harvested some BSAI crab in the above described vessel during the 2014 calendar year. Complete and submit <b>entire EDR</b> for the 2014 calendar year.	
<input type="checkbox"/> You are the catcher vessel owner, you leased or sold the above described vessel to another party, and harvested no BSAI crab in the above described vessel during the 2014 calendar year (provide the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom you leased or sold the vessel during the 2014 calendar year below). OR You are the catcher vessel owner and vessel was lost or rendered permanently inoperable due to accident, and harvested no BSAI crab in the above described vessel during the 2014 calendar year. Complete and submit the <b>EDR Certification Pages only</b> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> You are the catcher vessel owner, and no one harvested BSAI crab in the above described catcher vessel during the 2014 calendar year. Complete and submit the <b>EDR Certification Pages only</b> .	
<b>Buyer/Leaseholder Information (if applicable)</b>	
Buyer/Leaseholder Name	
Business address	
Telephone No (include area code)	Date of Sale or Lease (day/month/2014)

Read the following statement, and sign and date the box below:

I certify under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed all the information in this report and that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
Signature	Date signed

**Instructions for completing this EDR Form**

- Provide all information requested in each section.
- Record only whole numbers, and round all decimal values up.
- Record a zero (0) or not applicable (N/A) where appropriate, and do not skip any questions or leave any data entry cells blank.
- Submit the completed certification and EDR form as required on or before the reporting deadline of **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. All information reported must be current and complete as of the date of submission, including post-season adjustments and settlements.

**Table A: Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (CR) Program Fisheries**

CR Fishery Code	CR Fishery	Geographic Area
<b>BBR</b>	Bristol Bay red king crab ( <i>Paralithodes camtschaticus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>a northern boundary</b> of 58° 30' N. lat., <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54° 36' N. lat., and <b>a western boundary</b> of 168° W. long. and including all waters of Bristol Bay.
<b>BSS</b>	Bering Sea Snow crab ( <i>Chionoecetes opilio</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>a northern and western boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991) with <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54° 30' N. lat. to 171° W. long., and then south to 54° 36' N. lat.
<b>EAG</b>	Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab ( <i>Lithodes aequispinus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude of Scotch Cap Light (164° 44' W. long.) to 53° 30' N. lat., then West to 165° W. long. <b>a western boundary</b> of 174° W. long., and <b>a northern boundary</b> of a line from the latitude of Cape Sarichef (54° 36' N. lat.) westward to 171° W. long., then north to 55° 30' N. lat., then west to 174° W. long.
<b>WAG</b>	Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab ( <i>Lithodes aequispinus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude 174° W. long., <b>a western boundary</b> the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991), and <b>a northern boundary</b> of a line from the latitude of 55°30' N. lat., then west to the U.S.-Russian Convention line of 1867.
<b>EBT</b>	Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab ( <i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i> )	in waters of the EEZ <b>a western boundary</b> the longitude of 166° W. long <b>a northern boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991) <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54° 36' N. lat.
<b>WBT</b>	Western Bering Sea Tanner crab ( <i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i> )	In waters of the EEZ with: <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude of 166° W. long., <b>a northern and western boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991) <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54°30'N. lat. To 171° W. long., and then south to 54°36' N. lat.

<b>PIK</b>	Pribilof red king and blue king crab ( <i>Paralithodes camtshaticus</i> and <i>P. platypus</i> )	In waters of the EEZ with: <b>a northern boundary</b> of 58° 30' N. lat., <b>an eastern boundary</b> of 168° W. long., <b>a southern boundary</b> line from 54° 36' N. lat., 168° W. long., to 54° 36' N. lat., 171° W. long., to 55° 30' N. lat., 171° W. long., to 55° 30' N. lat., 173° 30' E. lat., and then westward to the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991).
<b>SMB</b>	St. Matthew blue king crab ( <i>Paralithodes platypus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>a northern boundary</b> of 62° N. lat., <b>a southern boundary</b> of 58°30' N. lat., and <b>a western boundary</b> of the maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991).
<b>WAI</b>	Western Aleutian Islands red king crab ( <i>Paralithodes camtshaticus</i> )	In waters of the EEZ with: <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude 179° W. long., <b>a western boundary</b> of the maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991), and <b>a northern boundary</b> of a line from the latitude of 55°30' N. lat., then west to the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991).

**Table B: Quota Type**

<b>Quota Type Code</b>	<b>CR Annual Quota Types</b>
CVO-A	Catcher Vessel Owner Class A IFQ, all Regions
CVO-B	Catcher Vessel Owner Class B IFQ
CPO	Catcher Processor Owner IFQ
CVC	Catcher Vessel Crew IFQ
CPC	Catcher Processor Crew IFQ
CDQ	Community Development Quota
ACA-WAG	Adak Community Allocation Western Aleutian Island Golden king crab IFQ

## 1. CR Crab Ex-vessel Sales, by CR Fishery and Quota Type

In Table 1 below, record the total pounds sold and gross revenue received for ex-vessel sales to crab buyers for all CR crab landed by the vessel during calendar year 2014. Report pounds and revenue for each CR fishery and harvest quota permit type separately, using the CR Fishery codes from Table A and Quota Type codes from Table B. *Report all crab landed by the vessel, including all crab landed using harvest quota held by or leased from a harvest cooperative or other entity.*

**Pounds Sold:** Record the total pounds of BSAI crab landed by this vessel and sold to crab buyers during the previous calendar year. Exclude deadloss crab that is discarded unsold at the landing.

**Gross Revenue:** Record the gross revenue from crab delivered to processors during the calendar year. Report the gross ex-vessel revenue value of all landings, before deductions for taxes, bait, quota royalties, or other withholding by crab buyers or other entities. Include all post-season adjustments received by the date of submitting this EDR, but do not report any payments not yet received as of this date.

**Table 1: CR Crab Ex-vessel Sales, by CR Fishery and Quota Type**

Quota Type	CR Fishery	Pounds Sold	Gross Revenue
CVO-A	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
	CVO-B	BBR	lbs
BSS		lbs	\$
EAG		lbs	\$
WAG		lbs	\$
EBT		lbs	\$
WBT		lbs	\$
SMB		lbs	\$
PIK		lbs	\$
WAI		lbs	\$

Quota Type	CR Fishery	Pounds Sold	Gross Revenue
CPO	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CVC	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CPC	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CDQ	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
ACA-WAG	WAG	lbs	\$

**2. CR Crab Fishing Quota Costs, by CR Fishery and Quota Type  
Market-Value and Negotiated-Price Transfers Only**

In Table 2 below, record the total pounds and monetary cost for negotiated transfers of annual crab fishing quota (IFQ and CDQ) pounds received for harvest on your vessel during calendar year 2014, by CR fishery and harvest quota permit type. Use the CR Fishery codes from Table A and Quota Type codes from Table B.

Include only transfers of quota for which you paid only monetary compensation, based on the market value or a price negotiated between you and the quota holder(s). Do **not** include quota transfers for which:

- payment was based on a nominal (or non-negotiated) price, **or**
- non-monetary or in-kind compensation was included in the transaction, in addition to transferred quota pounds and monetary payment, **or**
- you did not catch the transferred quota pounds on this vessel by the end of the season, or re-transferred the quota pounds for use by another vessel.

For all market-value and/or negotiated-price quota transfers, report the following:

**Pounds Transferred:** Record the total pounds of transferred crab fishing quota used to land crab caught by the vessel during the previous calendar year.

**Total Cost:** Record the total gross cost paid as monetary compensation, after taxes or fees are deducted. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR, but do not report any payments not paid by this date.

**Table 2: CR Crab Fishing Quota Costs, by CR Fishery and Quota Type:  
Market-Value and Negotiated Price Transfers Only**

Quota Type	CR Fishery	Pounds Transferred	Total Cost
CVO-A	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
WAI	lbs	\$	
CVO-B	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
WAI	lbs	\$	

Quota Type	CR Fishery	Pounds Transferred	Total Cost
CPO	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CVC	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CPC	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	WAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
CDQ	BBR	lbs	\$
	BSS	lbs	\$
	EAG	lbs	\$
	EBT	lbs	\$
	WBT	lbs	\$
	SMB	lbs	\$
	PIK	lbs	\$
	WAI	lbs	\$
	ACA-WAG	WAG	lbs

### 3. CR Crab Crew Labor Costs, by CR Fishery

In Table 3 below, record the total direct payment to vessel crew and captain for labor performed in CR fisheries during calendar year 2014, by CR fishery. Use the CR Fishery codes from Table A.

Report the payment amount actually paid to vessel crew and captain in settlements, not earnings before fishing-related expenses (such as fuel, bait, or food and provisions) were deducted. Exclude any payments for labor provided before or after crab fishing seasons, or for crab fishing quota that the crew or captain leased to the vessel. Exclude non-wage expenses such as payroll taxes, unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, and exclude costs of non-wage benefits provided such as paid travel, health insurance, or retirement.

**Labor Payment – Fishing Crew:** Record the total amount paid to vessel crew members for fishing labor services in CR fisheries during the previous calendar year, not including any amount paid to individuals as captain or vessel master. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR.

**Labor Payment - Captain:** Record the total payment made to the captain(s) for vessel master services in CR fisheries during the previous calendar year. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR.

**Table 3: CR Crab Crew Labor Payments, by CR Fishery**

CR Fishery	Labor Payment	
	Fishing Crew	Captain
BBR	\$	\$
BSS	\$	\$
EAG	\$	\$
WAG	\$	\$
EBT	\$	\$
WBT	\$	\$
SMB	\$	\$
PIK	\$	\$
WAI	\$	\$

**Health Insurance and Retirement Benefits:** Did you provide paid health insurance or retirement benefits to captain or crew members in addition to labor payments reported above?

**Crew:**  Yes  No

**Captain:**  Yes  No

#### 4: Vessel Operating Expenses, by CR Fishery

In Table 4 below, record the following operating expenses for this vessel, by CR fishery. Include any taxes paid in the cost value reported. Use the CR Fishery codes from Table A.

If one or more of the items listed below are not purchased and/or tracked in your accounting system on a fishery basis, estimate the amount for each fishery for EDR reporting purposes by pro-rating the total amount purchased or consumed based on the average daily use or cost of the item during fishery operations and number of days operating in each fishery.

**Food and Provisions – Total Cost:** Record the total cost of food and provisions purchased for use in each CR fishery during the previous calendar year.

**Crab Bait Purchased - Total Cost:** Record the total cost of bait purchased for use in each CR fishery during the calendar year. Do not include cost of bait used in CR fisheries during 2014 that was purchased for fisheries occurring prior to the 2014 calendar year.

**Fuel Consumed – Gallons Only:** Record the total gallons of fuel consumed by the vessel while operating in each of the CR fisheries. Include the amount of fuel used during directed fishing, searching, traveling between delivery port and fishing grounds, and offloading catch. Do not include amount of fuel used transiting to and from your home port before and/or after crab fishery operations.

**Table 4: Vessel Operating Expenses, by CR Fishery**

CR Fishery	Food & Provisions Total Cost	Bait Purchased Total Cost	Fuel consumed (gallons)
<b>BBR</b>	\$	\$	gal
<b>BSS</b>	\$	\$	gal
<b>EAG</b>	\$	\$	gal
<b>WAG</b>	\$	\$	gal
<b>EBT</b>	\$	\$	gal
<b>WBT</b>	\$	\$	gal
<b>SMB</b>	\$	\$	gal
<b>PIK</b>	\$	\$	gal
<b>WAI</b>	\$	\$	gal

## 5: Vessel Operating Expenses, Annual

In Table 5 below, record the total calendar year expenditure on the following operating costs for this vessel. Include any taxes paid on the listed items in the total.

### Fuel Cost, Annual

**Gallons:** Record the total quantity of fuel purchased for the vessel during the previous calendar year, in gallons.

**Cost:** Record the total payment for fuel purchased for the vessel for all crab, non-crab, and non-fishing operations during the previous calendar year, including all sales taxes and surcharges. Do not include the cost of lubrication or other fluids.

**Vessel Labor Cost:** Record the total direct payment to vessel crew and captain for labor performed in all vessel operations during the calendar year, including shipyard labor and tendering. Include labor payments for CR crab operations reported in Table 3 in the total.

**Table 5: Vessel Operating Expenses, Annual**

Fuel		Vessel Labor Cost
Gallons	Cost	
gal	\$	\$

**Tendering:** Did the vessel perform tendering in any fishery during the previous calendar year?

- Yes
- No

## 6. BSAI Crab Crew Licenses and CFEC Permits

In Table 6 below, for each individual who worked as a captain or crewmember during the previous calendar year, record either the Alaska Commercial Crew license number or a State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) gear operator permit number. Do not record more than one license or permit number for any individual, but include every individual that worked on the vessel as a captain or crewmember during CR fisheries.

For Commercial Crew Licenses, report the full 7-digit license number. For Gear Operator Permits, include the fishery code and permit number (e.g., M71B25321N). Indicate if the number reported is an ADF&G Commercial Crew License number or a CFEC Gear Operator Permit Number in the appropriate checkbox, and only record one license or permit number per crewmember.

**Table 6: Harvest Crew Licenses/Permits**

Crewmember	License/Permit Number	Check One		Crewmember	License/Permit Number	Check One	
		ADF&G Crew License	CFEC Gear Operator Permit			ADF&G Crew License	CFEC Gear Operator Permit
1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	23		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	24		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	25		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	26		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	27		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	28		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Commercial fishing license and permit information is public record. A vessel master has the right to record the crew member's license number or permit ID and no release is necessary to report the information here. EDR submitters can contact ADF&G or CFEC to request license or permit numbers by crewmember name at the contacts below:

ADF&G – Commercial Crew License Licensing Questions (907) 465-2376 Licensing FAX (907) 465-2440 Licensing Email <a href="mailto:licensehelp@fishgame.state.ak.us">licensehelp@fishgame.state.ak.us</a>	CFEC - Gear Operator Permit Phone: (907) 790-6921 Email: <a href="mailto:dfg.cfec.questions@alaska.gov">dfg.cfec.questions@alaska.gov</a> Website: <a href="http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/publook/publook.jsp">http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/publook/publook.jsp</a>
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## NOTES

# ANNUAL PROCESSOR

## CRAB ECONOMIC DATA REPORT (EDR) CALENDAR YEAR 2014

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# ANNUAL PROCESSOR CRAB EDR

## Introduction

This report collects information on Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) crab operations, including Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program (CDQ) crab fisheries. These fisheries are referred to as Crab Rationalization fisheries (CR fisheries). Pursuant to the legislation, the data and identifiers will also be used for program enforcement and determination of qualification for quota shares. Consequently, identifiers and data will be disclosed to NOAA Enforcement, NOAA General Counsel, the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and NOAA Restricted Access Management Program.

You have received this form because our records show that you are either the owner of a Shore-based processing facility that participated in the BSAI crab fisheries in the past, operated such a facility under lease, or held a Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) permit. **You are required to submit the Certification Pages (pages 3 and 4) and any additional information requested in the Economic Data Report (EDR). Failure to submit an EDR form when required may result in delay or denial of any and all federal fishery permit applications.**

To make sure that each company is consistently and accurately completing the EDR, random audits will be performed by a qualified accountant on some of the EDRs for a subset of the crab fishery participants. This step will ensure that the data can be relied upon to produce accurate and reliable information for the Alaska crab fisheries.

Auditors will verify records by comparing specific elements of the report with your accounting records. To make this activity as efficient and non-intrusive as possible, we suggest that you:

1. Keep a copy of the completed EDR or certification pages you submit to the Data Collection Agent (DCA). Copy and attach extra sheets as needed.
2. Keep a file that has all of the supporting information used in the preparation of the EDR.
3. Make sure that the EDR agrees to the company's highest level of financial information. For this purpose, the highest level of financial information is defined in order as:
  - a. Audited financial statements
  - b. Reviewed financial statements
  - c. Compiled financial statements
  - d. Tax returns.

Record only whole numbers. Round up dollar figures to the next highest dollar.

If YOUR label address is incorrect or missing, please correct the error on the label or print your permanent name and address here.

Processing Facility Name
Company Name
Street address or P.O. Box Number
City, State, and Zip Code

**NOTE:**

Any owner or leaseholder of a shoreside or stationary floating processing facility, or a holder of a registered crab receiver (RCR) permit, that processed, custom processed, or obtained custom processing for CR crab, in a Crab Rationalization (CR) fishery during the previous calendar year must submit a completed Annual Processor Crab Economic Data Report (EDR) following the instructions in this form. The completed EDR and/or EDR certification pages must be submitted to the Data Collection Agent (DCA) for each calendar year on or before July 31 of the following year, electronically or at the address provided on the form.

**Definition of "Leaseholder":** For the purpose of defining the persons responsible for submitting the EDR, a Leaseholder is a person, other than the owner of the facility for which the EDR is required, who: was identified as the leaseholder, in a written lease, of the processing facility, **OR** paid expenses of the processing facility, **OR** claimed expenses for the processing facility as a business expense on schedule C of his/her Federal Income Tax Return, or on a State Income Tax Return.

**Mail or FAX Certification Pages or Entire EDR by July 31 to:**

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission 205 SE Spokane, Suite 100 Portland, OR 97202  Email: <a href="mailto:alaska_crab@psmfc.org">alaska_crab@psmfc.org</a> FAX Number: 503-595-3450  For more information or if you have questions, please call toll free 1-877-741-8913
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**CERTIFICATION PAGE – 1 of 2**

This is a **required form**. Provide all information requested below.

<b>Processing Facility Information</b>	
Facility Name	
Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) Permit Number	ADF&G Processor Code (F Code)

<b>Shoreside Processors</b>	
Physical Location of Land-based Plant (street address, city, state, zip code)	
Borough Assessed Value of Plant and Equipment (\$)Year Assessed:	Current Estimated Value of Plant and Equipment (\$)

<b>Stationary Floating Processors</b>	
USCG Documentation Number	
Current Estimated Market Value of Processing Facility Plant and Equipment (\$)	Replacement Value of Processing Facility Plant and Equipment (\$)

<b>Owner Information</b>		
Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship		
Business Telephone Number	Business FAX Number	Business E-mail address, if available

<b>Leaseholder Information (if applicable)</b>		
Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship		
Business Telephone Number	Business FAX Number	Business E-mail address, if available

**NOTE:** Any owner or leaseholder may appoint a designated representative to respond to questions in the EDR. The designated representative is the primary contact person for the DCA on issues relating to data required in the EDR.

<b>Person Completing this Report (check one)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Owner Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaseholder (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Leaseholder Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Representative (complete information below)		
Name		Title
Business Number Telephone	Business FAX Number	Business E-mail address (if available)

**CERTIFICATION PAGE – 2 of 2**

**Select one of the following statements and provide any requested information. Check one box below.**

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. You are the Processor owner, and you processed BSAI crab in the above described plant during the 2014 calendar year. <b>Complete and submit entire EDR for the 2014 calendar year.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. You were the Processor leaseholder, and you operated the above described Processor, and you processed BSAI crab during the 2014 calendar year. <b>Complete and submit entire EDR for the 2014 calendar year.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. You are the Processor owner, and you leased a portion of your IPQ to another party, and processed BSAI crab in the above described Processor during the 2014 calendar year. Provide the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom you leased the IPQ during the 2014 calendar year below. <b>Complete and submit entire EDR for the 2014 calendar year.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. You are the Registered Crab Receiver and purchased CR crab delivered to and custom processed for you by one or more processing facilities, and you did not process CR crab in a facility that you operated . <b>Complete and submit entire EDR for the 2014 calendar year.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. You are the Processor owner, and you leased all of your IPQ to another party, and you processed no BSAI crab in the above described Processor. Provide the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom you leased the IPQ during the 2014 calendar year. <b>Complete and submit the EDR Certification Pages only.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. You are the Processor owner, and no one processed BSAI crab in the above described Processor during the 2014 calendar year. <b>Complete and submit the EDR Certification Pages only.</b>	
<b>Buyer/Leaseholder Information (if applicable)</b>	
Buyer/Leaseholder Name	
Business address	
Telephone No (include area code)	Date of Sale or Lease (day/month/2014)

**Read the following statement, and sign and date the box below:**

<b>I certify under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed all the information in this report and that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.</b>	
Signature	Date signed

## Instructions for completing this EDR Form

- Provide all information requested in each section.
- Record only whole numbers, and round all decimal values up.
- Record a zero (0) or not applicable (N/A) where appropriate, and do not skip any questions or leave any data entry cells blank.
- Submit the completed certification and EDR form as required on or before the reporting deadline of **July 31**. All information reported must be current and complete as of the date of submission, including post-season adjustments and settlements.

**Table A: Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (CR) Program Fisheries**

CR Fishery Code	CR Fishery	Geographic Area
<b>BBR</b>	Bristol Bay red king crab ( <i>Paralithodes camtschaticus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>a northern boundary</b> of 58° 30' N. lat., <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54° 36' N. lat., and <b>a western boundary</b> of 168° W. long. and including all waters of Bristol Bay.
<b>BSS</b>	Bering Sea Snow crab ( <i>Chionoecetes opilio</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>a northern and western boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991) with <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54° 30' N. lat. to 171° W. long., and then south to 54° 36' N. lat.
<b>EAG</b>	Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab ( <i>Lithodes aequispinus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude of Scotch Cap Light (164° 44' W. long.) to 53° 30' N. lat., then West to 165° W. long. <b>a western boundary</b> of 174° W. long., and <b>a northern boundary</b> of a line from the latitude of Cape Sarichef (54° 36' N. lat.) westward to 171° W. long., then north to 55° 30' N. lat., then west to 174° W. long.
<b>WAG</b>	Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab ( <i>Lithodes aequispinus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude 174° W. long., <b>a western boundary</b> the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991), and <b>a northern boundary</b> of a line from the latitude of 55°30' N. lat., then west to the U.S.-Russian Convention line of 1867.
<b>EBT</b>	Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab ( <i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i> )	in waters of the EEZ <b>a western boundary</b> the longitude of 166° W. long <b>a northern boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991) <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54° 36' N. lat.

<b>WBT</b>	Western Bering Sea Tanner crab ( <i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i> )	In waters of the EEZ with: <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude of 166° W. long., <b>a northern and western boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991) <b>a southern boundary</b> of 54°30'N. lat. To 171° W. long., and then south to 54°36' N. lat.
<b>PIK</b>	Pribilof red king and blue king crab ( <i>Paralithodes camtshaticus</i> and <i>P. platypus</i> )	In waters of the EEZ with: <b>a northern boundary</b> of 58° 30' N. lat., <b>an eastern boundary</b> of 168° W. long., <b>a southern boundary</b> line from 54° 36' N. lat., 168° W. long., to 54° 36' N. lat., 171° W. long., to 55° 30' N. lat., 171° W. long., to 55° 30' N. lat., 173° 30' E. lat., and then westward to the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991).
<b>SMB</b>	St. Matthew blue king crab ( <i>Paralithodes platypus</i> )	in waters of the EEZ with <b>a northern boundary</b> of 62° N. lat., <b>a southern boundary</b> of 58°30' N. lat., and <b>a western boundary</b> of the maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991).
<b>WAI</b>	Western Aleutian Islands red king crab ( <i>Paralithodes camtshaticus</i> )	In waters of the EEZ with: <b>an eastern boundary</b> the longitude 179° W. long., <b>a western boundary</b> of the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991), and <b>a northern boundary</b> of a line from the latitude of 55°30' N. lat., then west to the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as that line is described in the text of and depicted in the annex to the Maritime Boundary Agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Washington, June 1, 1990, and as the Maritime Boundary Agreement Line as depicted on NOAA Chart No. 513 (6th edition, February 23, 1991) and NOAA Chart No. 514 (6th edition, February 16, 1991).

**Table B: Quota Type**

<b>Quota Type Code</b>	<b>CR Quota Types</b>
CVO-A	Catcher Vessel Owner Class A IFQ, all Regions
CVO-B	Catcher Vessel Owner Class B IFQ
CPO	Catcher Processor Owner IFQ
CVC	Catcher Vessel Crew IFQ
CPC	Catcher Processor Crew IFQ
CDQ	Community Development Quota
ACA-WAG	Adak Community Allocation Western Aleutian Island Golden king crab IFQ

**Table C. Crab Species Codes**

Species Code	Common Name	Scientific Name
921	Red king crab	<i>Paralithodes camtschaticus</i>
922	Blue king crab	<i>Paralithodes platypus</i>
923	Golden (brown) king crab	<i>Lithodes aequispinus</i>
931	Tanner crab	<i>Chionoecetes bairdi</i>
932	Snow crab	<i>Chionoecetes opilio</i>

**Table D. Crab Product Codes Used for EDRs**

Code	Description
01	Whole crab
80	Crab sections
81	Crab meats
82	Crab claws
83	Crab tails
84	Crab legs
97	Other crab product (specify)

**Table E. Crab Process Codes.**

(1) If multiple processes were used during a crab fishery, record the information for each process on a separate line.

(2) If more than one of the following processes was used to create a specific product (such as brined and frozen crab, or cooked and frozen crab) you may enter more than one process code in the process code box for that product.

Process Code	Description
00	Other (specify):
01	Raw
02	Plate frozen/Blast frozen
03	Brined/frozen
07	Live

**Table F. Box Size Codes**

Code	Description
Small	Boxes 15 pounds or smaller
Large	Boxes larger than 15 pounds

## 1. CR Crab Product Sales

In Tables 1a and 1b below, report calendar year crab product sales from CR fisheries. Report sales to **affiliated** entities (Table 1a) and to **unaffiliated** entities (Table 1b) for each combination of crab species, product, process, and box size sold. Do not include sales of crab product produced from fisheries other than CR crab fisheries.

For further details on the definition of "Affiliation" refer to the federal regulations at 50 CFR part 680.2.

**Species Code:** Record the species codes from Table C for CR crab product sold in 2014.

**Product Code:** Record the product codes from Table D for each product.

**Process Code:** Record the process codes from Table E. If more than one process was used to create a specific crab product form (such as cooked *and* frozen crab sections), enter more than one process code in the process code box for that product.

**Box Size Code:** Record the box size category code from Table F for each product sold.

For each unique product combination of CR crab species, product code, process code(s), and box size code identified using the codes listed in Tables C-F that was sold during 2014, report the following:

**Finished Pounds:** Record the total finished pounds of each product sold.

**Gross First Wholesale Revenue:** Record the amount you received for each product sold. Do not include any additional payment you received to cover any shipping, handling, or storage costs associated with the sale beyond the FOB port. Adjust all revenues to FOB Alaska-equivalent value. Do not deduct any broker fees, taxes paid, royalties for IPQ, or other fees or charges.

**Table 1a: CR Crab Sales to Affiliated Entities**

Species Code	Product Code	Process Code	Box Size Code	Finished Pounds	Revenue
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$

**Table 1b: CR Crab Sales to Unaffiliated Entities**

Species Code	Product Code	Process Code	Box Size Code	Finished Pounds	Revenue
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$
				lbs	\$

## 2. CR Crab Custom Processing Services Provided, by CR Fishery

In Table 2 below, record processed output and revenue received for custom processing of CR crab performed for other crab buyers during the previous calendar year, by product code and process code for each CR Fishery Code in which custom processing was provided.

**CR Fishery Code:** Record the code from Table A for each CR fishery in which you provided custom processing services. If you produced multiple custom products within a CR fishery, record information for each on separate lines.

**Product Code:** Record the product codes from Table D for each product.

**Process Code:** Record the process codes from Table E. If more than one process was used to create a specific crab product form (such as cooked *and* frozen crab sections) enter more than one process code in the process code box for that product.

For each CR fishery and unique combination of product code and process code(s) identified using the codes listed in Tables D and E produced as custom processing, report the following:

**Raw Pounds:** Record the total raw pounds of CR crab provided by RCRs receiving custom processing services from this processing facility.

**Finished Pounds:** Record the total pounds of output for each custom processed product.

**Custom Processing Revenue:** Record the revenue received for custom processing the specified products.

**Table 2: Custom Processing Services Provided**

CR Fishery Code	Product Code	Process Code(s)	Raw Pounds	Finished Pounds	Custom Processing Revenue
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$



#### 4. CR Crab Custom Processing Services Purchased, by CR Fishery

In Table 4 below, record the following information on custom crab processing provided for you by processors during the previous calendar year, by product code and process code for each CR Fishery Code in which custom processing was purchased.

**CR Fishery Code:** Record the code from Table A for each CR fishery in which you purchased custom processing services. If you received multiple custom products within a CR fishery, record information for each on separate lines.

**Product Code:** Record the product codes from Table D for each product.

**Process Code:** Record the process codes from Table E. If more than one process was used to create a specific crab product form (such as cooked *and* frozen crab sections) enter more than one process code in the process code box for that product.

For each CR fishery and unique combination of product code and process code(s) identified using the codes listed in Tables D and E produced as custom processing, report the following:

**Raw Pounds:** Record the total raw pounds of CR crab provided to processors providing custom processing services

**Finished Pounds:** Record the total pounds of output for each custom processed product.

**Processing Fee:** Record the payment made to custom processors for each crab product.

**Table 4: Custom Processing Services Purchased**

CR Fishery Code	Product Code	Process Code	Raw Pounds	Finished Pounds	Processing Fee
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$
			lbs	lbs	\$

## 5. CR Crab Processing Quota Costs, by CR Fishery Market-Value and Negotiated-Price Transfers Only

In Table 5 below, record the total pounds and monetary cost for transfers of crab individual processing quota (IPQ) pounds received for your use in purchasing landed CR crab during the previous calendar year, by CR fishery. Use the CR Fishery codes from Table A.

Include only transfers of quota for which you paid the only monetary compensation, based on the market value or a price negotiated between you and the quota holder(s). Do **not** include quota transfers for which:

- payment was based on a nominal (or non-negotiated) price, **or**
- non-monetary or in-kind compensation was included in the transaction, in addition to transferred quota pounds and monetary payment, **or**
- you did not use the quota pounds for crab processed by this vessel or purchased from delivering vessels by the end of the season, or re-transferred the quota pounds for use by another vessel.

For all market-value and/or negotiated-price quota transfers, report the following:

**Pounds Transferred:** Record the total pounds of transferred crab individual processing quota (IPQ) pounds acquired for your use in purchasing landed CR crab during the previous calendar year.

**Total Cost:** Record the total gross cost paid as monetary compensation, before taxes or fees are deducted. Include all post-season adjustments paid as of the date of submitting this EDR, but do not report any payments not paid by this date.

**Table 5: CR Crab Processing Quota (IPQ) Costs**

CR Fishery Code	IPQ Costs	
	Pounds Transferred	Total Cost
BBR	lbs	\$
BSS	lbs	\$
EAG	lbs	\$
WAG	lbs	\$
EBT	lbs	\$
WBT	lbs	\$
SMB	lbs	\$
PIK	lbs	\$
WAI	lbs	\$

## 6: Crab Processing Labor Cost, by CR Fishery

In Table 6 below, record the following information about labor costs associated with crab processing, by CR fishery: Use the CR Fishery codes from Table A.

**Total Man-Hours:** Record the sum of all hours worked by crab processing workers for each CR fishery.

**Total Labor Payment:** Record the total gross wages paid to crab processing workers in each CR fishery. Include wages and bonuses only for the processing workers included above. Do not count any payments to salaried employees (these will be recorded in Section 7).

**Computed Average Hourly Wage (web form only):** Please inspect the Average Hourly Wage (automatically computed by this form) to ensure that the values reported for Total Man-Hours and Total Labor Payment result in an average wage rate that is representative of wages paid by your company to processing employees in CR crab fisheries.

**Table 6: Crab Processing Labor Cost**

CR Fishery Code	Crab Processing Labor		
	Total Man-Hours	Total Labor Payment	Computed Average Hourly Wage
BBR	hrs	\$	\$/hr
BSS	hrs	\$	\$/hr
EAG	hrs	\$	\$/hr
WAG	hrs	\$	\$/hr
EBT	hrs	\$	\$/hr
WBT	hrs	\$	\$/hr
SMB	hrs	\$	\$/hr
PIK	hrs	\$	\$/hr
WAI	hrs	\$	\$/hr

**7: General Non-processing Labor Expenses, Annual**

In Table 7 below, record the total previous calendar year expenditure on wages and salaries for foremen, managers, administrative, personnel, and other non-processing labor.

For all non-processing personnel employed during the year, report the following:

**Number of Employees:** Report the number persons employed in non-processing positions at the processing facility during the previous calendar year. Include foremen, managers, administrative, and other personnel not primarily employed as processing line laborers.

**Salaries and wages:** Total calendar year gross wages for non-processing employees as described above. Do not include non-wage benefits, payroll taxes, training costs, or other costs of employment.

**Table 7: General Non-processing Labor Expenses, Annual**

<b>Number Of Non-Processing Employees</b>	<b>Total Wages And Salaries</b>
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## NOTES

Dated: December 10, 2015.

**Emily H. Menashes,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE353**

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator), has made a preliminary determination that the Exempted Fishing Permit that would facilitate the harvest of Atlantic herring research set-aside quota warrants further consideration. The Exempted Fishing Permit would authorize federally permitted Atlantic herring vessels to harvest Atlantic Herring research set-aside quota without possession limit after the possession limit in herring management areas has been reduced to 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) for commercial herring vessels. It would also allow vessels to harvest Atlantic herring research set-aside quota during Area 1A and 1B seasonal closures. Vessels working with researchers for approved projects will need the Exempted Fishing Permits to harvest herring that will generate funds to pay for the research.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed EFPs.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 30, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* NMFS.GAR.EFP@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line "Comments on 2016/2018 Atlantic Herring RSA EFP."

- *Mail:* John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, NMFS, NE Regional Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside

of the envelope "Comments on 2016/2018 Atlantic Herring RSA EFP."

- *Fax:* (978) 281-9135.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Luers, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 282-8457, [Daniel.Luers@noaa.gov](mailto:Daniel.Luers@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) would facilitate herring research set-aside (RSA) compensation fishing in support of project(s) funded under the 2016-2018 herring RSA competition. Proposals are currently under review. One project would examine river herring portside sampling and an avoidance program while the other would investigate mixing of the Gulf of Maine-Georges Bank Atlantic herring resource with the Scotian shelf Atlantic herring resource using genetic analysis techniques. Consistent with previous herring RSA compensation fishing EFPs, vessels would be authorized to harvest herring RSA quota after a herring management area quota has been caught and the fishery is limited to a 2,000 lb (907.2 kg) herring possession limit per trip, as well as allow vessels to harvest RSA quota during the seasonal closures in Management Areas 1A and 1B from January through May and January through April, respectively. Grant recipients will be required to meet all EFP application requirements prior to the issuance of the subject EFPs.

If approved, the applicants may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 10, 2015.

**Emily H. Menashes,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Region Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Crab Economic Data Reports (EDR)

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 16, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [Jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:Jjessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to NMFS Alaska Region, Patsy A. Bearden, (907) 586-7008 or [patsy.bearden@noaa.gov](mailto:patsy.bearden@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Crab Rationalization (CR) Program is a limited-access system that allocates crab managed under the Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) among harvesters, processors, and coastal communities. The CR Program currently includes a comprehensive economic data collection program requiring participants to complete annual Economic Data Reports (EDRs). These EDRs are intended to aid the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and NMFS in assessing the success of the CR Program and developing amendments to the FMP to mitigate any unintended consequences of the CR Program.

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) is the Data Collection Agent for the CR Program. The CR Crab EDR program collects annually reported cost, revenue, ownership, and employment data from harvest and processing sector participants in the CR fisheries. This

information is necessary to monitor and assess the economic effects of the CR program and support rigorous economic analysis to promote the goals and objectives of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Participation in the CR Crab EDR program is mandatory under Federal fisheries regulations 50 CFR part 680.6 for all active vessel and processing sector participants in the CR Program fisheries.

## II. Method of Collection

Information may be submitted online, by fax, and by mail.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0518.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 101.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 hr for full Catcher Vessel Crab EDR; 2 hours for certification only Catcher Vessel Crab EDR; 10 hr for full Catcher/processor Crab EDR; 2 hours for certification only Catcher/processor Crab EDR; 10 hr for full Processor Crab EDR; 2 hours for certification only Processor Crab EDR; and 8 hours for Verification of Data.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,848.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$101,746.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 10, 2015.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Renew Collection 3038–0031, Procurement Contracts

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission”) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the extension of requirements relating to information collected to assist the Commission in soliciting and awarding contracts, OMB Control No. 3038–0031 (Procurement Contracts).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 16, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by “Procurement Contracts,” and Collection Number 3038–0031, by any of the following methods:

- The Agency’s Web site, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.
- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Portal.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov/>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sonda Owens, Financial Management Branch, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581; phone: (202) 418–5182; fax: (202) 418–5414; email: [sowens@cftc.gov](mailto:sowens@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the Commission is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

*Title:* Procurement Contracts (OMB Control No. 3038–0031). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The information collected under this request is gathered through the use of forms specific to a contract or contracting action. The standard forms are prescribed for use for non-personal services, construction, award of contracts and solicitations as by agencies in connection with the procurement of supplies, purchase and delivery orders, specified in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (48 CFR 1–53). The information provided on the forms is specific and generally does not require additional information or questions. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

With respect to the following collection of information, the Commission invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;