

Amendment 37
Fishery Management Plan for
Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs

Revise the following in chapter 11.0 Voluntary Three-Pie Cooperative Program:

(1) Modify section 3.3 to read as follows (**bold shows additions**):

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3.3 Delivery and Processing Restrictions

3.3.1 The following provisions apply to the delivery and processing of crab with IFQs or IPQs that are categorized by region:

a. Crab harvested with catcher vessel IFQs categorized for a region must be delivered for processing within the designated region, **unless an exemption is approved for the West designated IFQ in the WAI golden king crab fishery under provisions described in section 3.3.2.**

b. Crab purchased with IPQs categorized for a region must be processed within the designated region, **unless an exemption is approved for the West designated IPQ in the WAI golden king crab fishery under provisions described in section 3.3.2.**

3.3.2 WAI Golden King Crab Regional Delivery Exemption

NMFS will approve a request to exempt West designated IFQ holders and IPQ holders from the requirement to deliver and process WAI golden king crab west of 174° W. long. for a crab season, if all Eligible Contract Signatories request the exemption in writing for that season. Eligible Contract Signatories are —

a. **QS holders:** Any person that holds in excess of 20 percent of the West designated WAI golden king crab QS at the time the contract was signed, or their authorized representative.

b. **PQS holders:** Any person that holds in excess of 20 percent of the West designated WAI golden king crab PQS at the time the contract was signed, or their authorized representative.

c. **Municipalities:** the City of Adak and the City of Atka, or their authorized representatives.

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