

Amendment 31
Fishery Management Plan for
Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs

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

Under the section titled “1.8.1 Options for captain and crews members (from December 2002 motion)”

(1) Add a new paragraph “(1) b” to the paragraph titled “1.8.1.2 Percentage to Captain” to read as follows:

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b. Three percent of the annual TAC for each crab fishery included in the rationalization program shall be allocated as IFQ to holders of C share QS.

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(2) Add a new paragraph “(2)” to the paragraph titled “1.8.1.6 Distribution per captain” to read as follows:

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(2) Starting with the 2018-2019 crab fishing year and each year thereafter, C share QS will yield IFQ only if the individual holding that C share QS:

(A) Has participated as crew in at least one delivery of crab in a crab fishery included in the rationalization program during the three preceding crab fishing years; or

(B) Was an initial recipient of C share QS and participated as crew in at least 30 days of fishing in a commercial fishery managed by the State of Alaska or in a federal commercial fishery in that portion of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska during the three preceding crab fishing years.

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(3) Add a new paragraph “b” to the subpart “Purchase of C QS” under the paragraph titled “1.8.1.7 Transferability criteria” to read as follows:

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b. Between [insert effective date of the final rule to implement Amendment 31] and [insert date four years after effective date of the final rule to implement Amendment 31], C share QS may be acquired by an individual who is a U. S. citizen with at least 150

days of sea time as part of a harvesting crew in any U.S. commercial fishery, and who either:

(1) Received an initial allocation of C share QS; or

(2) Participated in at least one delivery of crab in a crab fishery included in the rationalization program in any three of the five crab fishing years starting on July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2005.

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(4) Under the paragraph titled “1.8.1.7 Transferability criteria,” modify the subpart titled “C share leasing” by deleting paragraph “b” related to hardships, retitling paragraph “c” as paragraph “b”, and amending paragraph “a” to read as follows:

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C share leasing

a. C share IFQ are leasable.

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(5) Add a new paragraph 1.8.1.12 to read as follows:

1.8.1.12 Revocation of C share QS:

1. All of an individual’s C share QS will be subject to revocation after June 30, 2019, unless the C share QS holder:

(a) Has participated as crew in at least one delivery of crab in a crab fishery included in the rationalization program during the four preceding crab fishing years; or

(b) Was an initial recipient of C share QS and participated as crew in at least 30 days of fishing in a commercial fishery managed by the State of Alaska or in a federal commercial fishery in that portion of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska during the four preceding crab fishing years.

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