

2011/2012 Computation Quota Share (QS) and Processor Quota Share (PQS) Pools

A computation quota pool for a fishery is the sum of all quota units issued for that fishery that is used for IFQ/IPQ computations. To determine the annual awards of IFQ and IPQ to Quota holders and cooperatives, on the day of computation NMFS will use (a) the quota pools as of that date, (b) each persons quota holdings and co-op and affiliation information, and (c) the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) established by the State of Alaska. The basic IFQ/IPQ computation formula unadjusted for affiliation or other limitations is: $QS/PQS \text{ holdings} / \text{Quota Share Pool} * TAC = \text{pounds to Quota holder}$. Once it is issued in IFQ/IPQ computations, a QS or PQS pool does not change for that crab fishing year. Ratios are shown to 4 decimals although computations use additional decimals.

Please note that while any data challenges and appeals remain unresolved, initial issuance of quota cannot be entirely completed. Initial issuance of Quota that is delayed until after an annual computation date will only affect future year IFQ/IPQ issuance.

Computation Quota Share Pools

| Crab QS Fishery | QS Pool for LLP Holders (QS units) | QS pool for Captains/Crew (QS units) | QS Pool for all Harvester QS Units (Holders+ Crew) | Final Ratio QS units/IFQ pound |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| BBR - Bristol Bay red king crab | 387,828,995 | 12,000,335 | 399,829,330 | 56.7086 |
| BSS - Bering Sea snow crab (<i>C. opilio</i>) | 970,675,714 | 30,207,732 | 1,000,883,446 | 12.5103 |
| EBT - Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab (<i>C. bairdi</i>) | * | * | * | * |
| WBT - Western Bering Sea Tanner crab (<i>C. bairdi</i>) | * | * | * | * |
| PIK - Pribilof Islands red/blue king crab | * | * | * | * |
| SMB - St. Matthew blue king crab | 29,119,073 | 902,043 | 30,021,116 | 14.1402 |
| EAG - Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab | 9,700,156 | 299,583 | 9,999,739 | 3.5272 |
| WAG - Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab | 38,800,000 | 1,200,058 | 40,000,058 | 15.6771 |
| WAI - Western Aleutian Islands red king crab | * | * | * | * |

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- Starting with the 2006/2007 crab fishing year, the Bering Sea bairdi Tanner crab fishery is managed as two fisheries: Western Bering Sea Tanner (WBT) and Eastern Bering Sea Tanner (EBT).
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Processor Quota Share Pools

| Crab QS Fishery | | PQS Pool (PQS units) | Final Ratio PQS units/IPQ |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| BBR - Bristol Bay red king crab | North Region | 10,200,963 | 68.3951 |
| BBR - Bristol Bay red king crab | South Region | 388,814,333 | 67.8744 |
| BSS - Bering Sea snow crab (C. opilio) | North Region | 470,734,143 | 15.8532 |
| BSS - Bering Sea snow crab (C. opilio) | South Region | 531,344,176 | 15.7398 |
| EBT - Eastern Bearing Sea Tanner crab (C. bairdi) | | * | * |
| WBT - Western Bearing Sea Tanner crab (C. bairdi) | | * | * |
| PIK - Pribilof Islands red/blue king crab | North Region | * | * |
| PIK - Pribilof Islands red/blue king crab | South Region | * | * |
| SMB - St. Matthew blue king crab | North Region | 23,370,240 | 16.4396 |
| SMB - St. Matthew blue king crab | South Region | 5,575,481 | 14.1172 |
| EAG - Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab | South Region | 10,122,984 | 4.2979 |
| WAG - Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab | Undesignated Region | 20,010,992 | 33.2543 |
| WAG - Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab | West Region | 17,844,413 | 29.598 |
| WAI - Western Aleutian Islands red king crab | South Region | * | * |

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- By direction of Congress, in 2006 NOAA Fisheries issued to one program participant "conditional" PQS units for BBR and BSS fisheries. This PQS will only be part of a pool and result in annual IPQ in years when the TAC exceeds specific amounts.
- For "regionalized" fisheries, computing accurate, matching amounts of Class A CVO IFQ and IPQ within each region required using separately computed regional ratios of PQS:IPQ. The resulting IPQ fishery caps for the fishery year are the greater number of IPQ pounds derived from either the N/S (or, for WAG, W/U) PQS:IPQ ratio applied to the number of PQS units in the PQS Use Cap.