

**Permanent PQS Use Caps, and IPQ Use Caps for fishery year:  
2011/2012**

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Permanent PQS Use Caps			2011/2012 Annual IPQ Use Caps
Crab QS Fishery	% of Initial QS Pool for PQS (PQS Units)	PQS Use Caps (PQS Units)	IPQ Caps (Raw Crab Pounds)
BBR	30% of 400,000,000	120,000,000	1,767,972
BSS	30% of 1,000,000,000	300,000,000	19,059,917
EBT	30% of 200,000,000	60,000,000	Undetermined
WBT	30% of 200,000,000	60,000,000	Undetermined
PIK	30% of 30,000,000	9,000,000	Undetermined
SMB	30% of 30,000,000	9,000,000	637,518
EAG	30% of 10,000,000	3,000,000	698,023
WAG	30% of 40,000,000	12,000,000	405,433
WAI	30% of 60,000,000	18,000,000	Undetermined

**Notes:**

BBR = Bristol Bay red king crab                      SMB = St. Matthew blue king crab  
 BSS = Bering Sea snow crab                        EAG = Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab  
 EBT = Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab            WAG = Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab  
 WBT = Western Bering Sea Tanner crab        WAI = Western Aleutian Islands red king crab  
 PIK = Pribilof Island red/blue king crab

- A crab year is July 1 through June 30 of the following calendar year.
- Annual IPQ = (PQS held/QS pool for fishery) x annual TAC for IPQ.
- Amounts greater than cap may be initially issued to, or used by, a person under "grandfather" rules.
- IPQ Use Caps are computed using current year ratios of PQS:IPQ.
- "Undetermined" means the TAC has not been announced for the year; therefore, the IPQ cap cannot be computed at this time."
- In addition to these use caps: a person may not use more than 60 percent of the IPQ issued in the BSS crab fishery with a North region designation during a crab fishing year.
- Starting with the 2006/07 crab fishing year, Bearing Sea (*C. bairdi*) Tanner crab are managed as two stocks and fisheries: Eastern and Western Bering Sea (*C. bairdi*) Tanner crab (EBT and WBT, respectively).
- Use caps and related regulations are found at 50 CFR Part 680, at §680.42
- For each regionalized fishery, 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 cap is the greater number of IPQ pounds from the computations PQS/IPQ using each of the two regional ratios. Note that although EAG is subject to regionalization, all QS and PQS was initially issued for the South region.