



Fish News

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Bristol Bay Red King Crab Season Opens October 15th - TAC Announced

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed analysis of NMFS trawl survey data for Bristol Bay red king crab. The 2012/2013 total allowable catch (TAC) is based on abundance and biomass estimates from the ADF&G length-based analysis model.

The Bristol Bay red king crab mature female abundance is over the threshold of 8.4 million crab and the effective spawning biomass (ESB) is over the threshold of 14.5 million pounds. The 2012 Bristol Bay red king crab ESB is estimated to be 44.2 million pounds.

The ESB estimate is less than 55.0 million pounds but greater than 34.75 million pounds, therefore a 12.5 percent exploitation rate is applied to the estimated mature male abundance of 9.6 million crab. The TAC for the 2012/2013 season is 7.853 million pounds and is apportioned as follows:

Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ)	7,067,700 pounds
Community Development Quota (CDQ)	785,300 pounds
Total	7,853,000 pounds

The 2012/2013 Bristol Bay red king crab fishery will open on October 15, 2012 at 12:00 noon and will remain open through January 15, 2013.

The Bristol Bay red king crab fishery will not open in waters enclosed by 167° W longitude to 168° W longitude and 57°30' N latitude to 58°30' N latitude (ADF&G statistical areas 675730 and 675800) to protect Pribilof blue king crab. Blue king crab were captured during the 2012 survey in this area.

Saint Matthew Island Section Blue King Crab Season Opens October 15th - TAC Announced

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed analysis of 2012 NMFS trawl survey results for the Saint Matthew Island Section. Area-swept estimates and model estimates indicate that the mature male biomass is above the threshold for a fishery opening.

The federal acceptable biological catch (ABC) for this stock is 2.028 million pounds of total male blue king crab mortality. To account for projected bycatch mortality and to avoid exceeding the ABC, the 2012/2013 Saint Matthew Island Section blue king crab total allowable catch (TAC) is 1.630 million pounds, apportioned as follows:

Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ)	1,467,000 pounds
Community Development Quota (CDQ)	163,000 pounds
Total	1,630,000 pounds

The 2012/2013 Saint Matthew Island Section blue king crab fishery will open at 12:00 noon on October 15, 2012 and will remain open through February 1, 2013.

Fishermen are reminded that all state waters surrounding Saint Matthew, Hall, and Pinnacle Islands are closed to commercial fishing.

For more information, click [here](#).

Bering Sea Tanner, Pribilof Red & Blue King Crab Fisheries to Remain Closed Again This Season



Bering Sea Tanner crab

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed analysis of NMFS trawl survey data for the eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab stock. The 2012 area-swept survey estimate of mature female Tanner crab biomass in the Bering Sea District is 19.7 million pounds, below the harvest

strategy threshold for mature female biomass of 21.9 million pounds; therefore the Bering Sea District Tanner crab fishery will not open during the 2012/2013 season.

The Pribilof District red and blue king crab fisheries will also remain closed. Details [here](#).

Fishermen are reminded that incidentally taken **Tanner crab may not be retained** during either the Bristol Bay red king crab or Bering Sea snow crab fisheries.

For further information contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239 or in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.



Pribilof blue king crab



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Seattle, WA — Glenn Reed, President of the Pacific Seafood Processors Association, announced today that Captain John V. O’Shea has joined PSPA as Vice President — Alaska.

“Vince O’Shea has had a long history in fisheries policy issues at both the regional and national levels. He understands Alaskan fisheries and is well known by the industry. We are delighted to have such a well-respected and experienced executive join our team. He brings great strengths to our efforts to develop sustainable solutions to the wide range of state and federal regulatory issues affecting our members,” said Reed.

Captain O’Shea spent more than 30 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, much of it dealing with fisheries law enforcement policy and operations at the national and regional levels, including the North Pacific. He spent nine years in Alaska, in command of the Ironwood in Kodiak, and later on the senior staff in Juneau, where he was also the Coast Guard designee to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

For the past 10 years, he has been the Executive Director and CEO of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, an interstate commission organized by the 15 Atlantic states to cooperatively manage their shared marine fisheries resources. In addition to overseeing the administrative operations of the Commission, he sat as a non-voting member on the three Atlantic regional fishery management councils and represented the interests of the Commission before Congress and NOAA.

“I am excited about joining PSPA and returning to Alaska. The fisheries of the North Pacific are well known for being one of the best managed fisheries in the world and account for well over 50 percent of the seafood produced in America. PSPA member companies serve the critical role of getting those resources from the ocean to the public’s dinner plate, while creating markets for fishermen and tens of thousands of jobs in Alaska and Washington, all on a sustainable basis,” said O’Shea.

Captain O’Shea will be based in PSPA’s Juneau office, representing PSPA before state and federal agencies, the Alaskan Legislature, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the State Chamber of Commerce.

PSPA was formed in 1914 and represents the North Pacific seafood processing industry in state and federal regulatory issues. Its member companies participate in virtually all of Alaska’s fisheries and own and operate shoreside and floating processing plants throughout Alaska.

With any questions or for further information please contact Glenn Reed at 206-910-5150 or glennr@pspafish.net.

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