

Seeking Equity for Crab Crewmen

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Bering Sea Crab Crewmen's Cooperative Membership

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The Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization program, as crafted and implemented by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, has resulted in a substantial loss of work opportunity and financial returns for crab crews.

The BSCCC will advocate for fair and equitable changes to the Crab Rationalization program to honor and restore the historical crew share from the crab fisheries.

The net compensation to crews at present is inadequate when compared to what the National Standards (NS #4) required under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and Sustainable Fisheries Act. And safety at-sea has not been what was promised, especially with pot limits being removed.

The analysis of the EDRs — economic data collected from the vessel owners pre-program and each year since — has not been shown to the public or crew. Crew Contracts for 'lay shares' were required by Federal law: prior to departing port. Along with season-end settlements, these should have been used to determine the initial "fair and equitable" allocation of crab harvest shares.

The resulting fishery management program meant that excessive crab quota shares were issued to vessel owners. High lease rates for ITQs now also diminish the value upon which my shares may be based. I'd like my rights to safety, opportunity and a fair share restored.

I want to be a member of BSCCC to restore crewmen rights.

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Please mark all appropriate boxes:

1. Are you a Past Participant?	Crew	Skipper	Vessel Owner
Pre-rationalization (before Oct. 2005)			
Post rationalization (after Oct. 2005)			
2. Are you a Present Participant?	Crew	Skipper	Vessel Owner
I Participate currently (at date of signing) as			
Not currently, but would seek future position as			
3. EXPERIENCE:	No. of YEARS	Or, No. of SEASONS	n/a
I have fished Bering Sea Crab for →			n/a
4. Optional:			
Names of Crab Vessels I have fished on →			
What other fisheries do you participate in →			

Date: ___/___/___ **Signature:** _____

Name: _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone numbers _____

DOB ___/___/___ **Signed up by:** _____ (Page 2 of 2)