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# Economic Status of BSAI Crab Fisheries, 2019 (2020)

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# 2019 Crab Economic SAFE Overview

- Executive Summary
- Economic Status and Trends
  - Economic output – production and value, by sector
  - Vessel and processing labor – income and employment
  - Harvest sector operating costs and financial performance
  - IFQ/CDQ lease market, QS market and holdings
  - Fishing capacity and effort
  - International trade – king and snow crab

# Economic SAFE availability



The screenshot shows the NOAA Fisheries Alaska Fisheries Science Center website. The header includes the NOAA logo and the text "NOAA FISHERIES | ALASKA FISHERIES SCIENCE CENTER". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "General Info", "Species", "Programs", "Publications", "Data & Tools", "Images", "Education & Outreach", and "Search". The main content area is titled "Economic and Social Sciences Research" and features a section for "Annual Economic Status Reports from the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluations". This section includes a paragraph inviting users to provide feedback on the quality and usefulness of the reports, a button labeled "Click here to participate in the survey", and two sub-sections: "Groundfish Fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands" and "King and Tanner Crab Fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands". A right-hand sidebar contains a table of contents with links to "REFM Home", "Socioeconomics", "Research", "Data Collection", "Publications and Posters", "Economic Status Reports" (with sub-links for "-Groundfish" and "-Crab"), "Alaska Fishing Communities" (with sub-links for "-Profiles" and "-Snapshots"), "Resources", and "Personnel".

**Economic and Social Sciences Research**

**Annual Economic Status Reports from the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluations**

*The Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) invites users of the Groundfish and BSAI Crab Economic Status Reports to provide feedback regarding the quality and usefulness of the reports and to make recommendations for improvement. We welcome any and all comments and suggestions, and have developed an online survey to facilitate user feedback:*

[Click here to participate in the survey](#)

**Groundfish Fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands**

The Groundfish Economic Status Report summarizes available economic data about the federal groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands. Published annually as an appendix to the [Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation reports](#), the Economic Status Report presents summary statistics on catch, discards, prohibited species catch, ex-vessel and first-wholesale production and value, participation by small entities, and effort in these fisheries.

**King and Tanner Crab Fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands**

The BSAI Crab Economic Status Report summarizes available economic information about the commercial crab fisheries managed under the [Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab](#), with particular attention to the subset of fisheries included in the [Crab Rationalization program](#). The report includes information on: production, sales, revenue, and price indices in the harvesting and processing sectors; income, employment, and demographics of labor in both sectors; capital and operating expenditures in the fishery; quota share lease and sale market activity; changes in distribution of quota holdings; productivity in the harvesting sector; U.S. imports and exports of king and Tanner crab; price forecasts; performance metrics for catch share programs and other information regarding data collection and ongoing economic and social science research related to the BSAI crab fisheries and related communities.

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<https://www.afsc.noaa.gov/REFM/Socioeconomics/SAFE/default.php>

or

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/alaska-crab-stock-assessment-and-fishery-evaluation-reports>

# SSC Comments (February, 2020)

***...The SSC appreciates the data overview provided in the Crab Economic SAFE, though it has fallen behind the Groundfish Economic SAFE in the presentation and accessibility of information.***

Note that the Crab Economic SAFE integrates and summarizes fishery data from a broad array of sources, including EDR data, and provides a relatively comprehensive annual report on broad aspects of economic performance. Current edition limited to updating time-series in tables/figures, no new content. Efforts will continue to improve analytical content and presentation.

***...Fishery-specific, index-based report cards are being developed, but aggregating these across fisheries, and considering additional metrics, would improve accessibility of the SAFE. ...suggests that the analyst explore ways to present indices or percentages to allow identification of trends, even when table cells cannot be displayed.***

Report card metrics have been developed for SMB and BBR ESPs with emphasis on long time-series; guidance requested on specific metrics/aspects of performance to highlight in reportcard-type figure(s)

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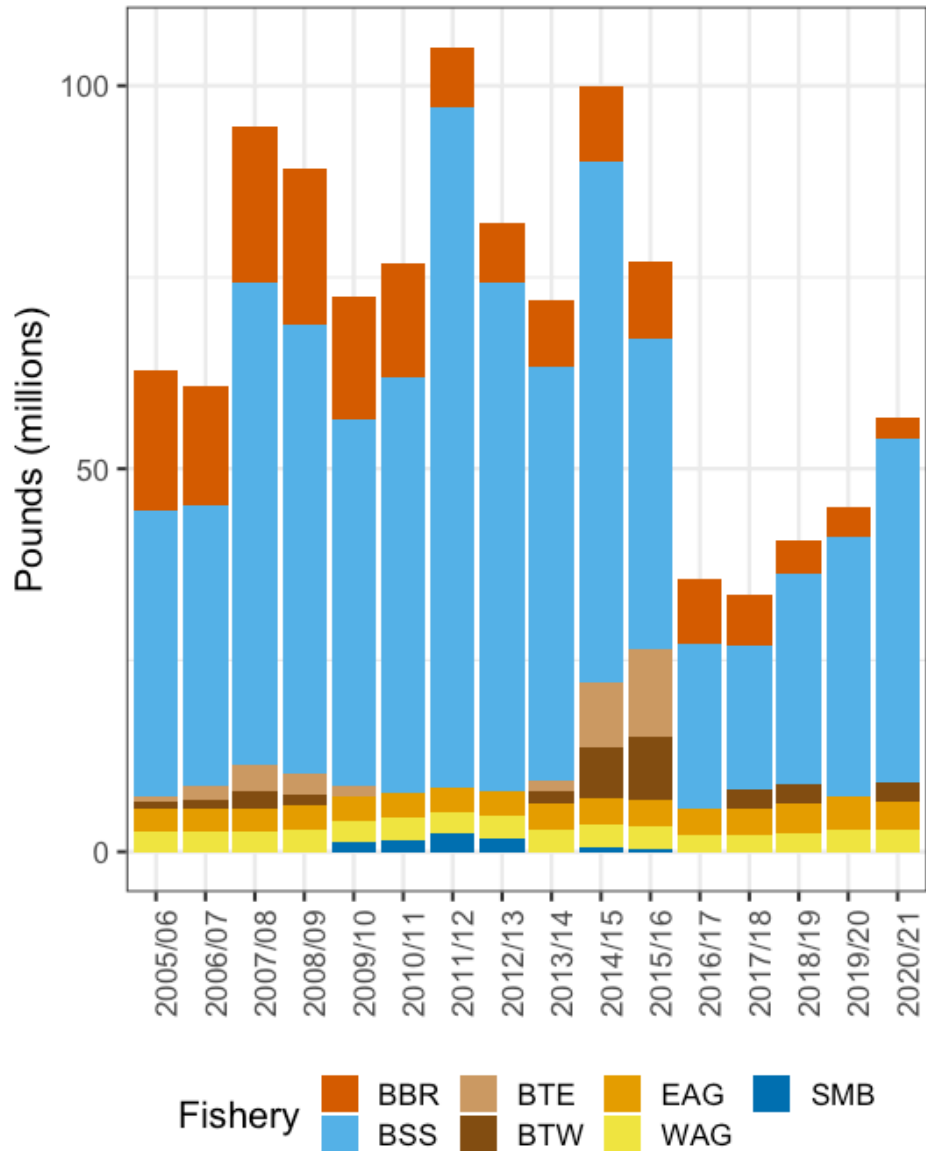
*...SSC looks forward to completion of the quota ownership decomposition effort, which will allow better tracking of who is capturing the ownership benefits of the crab fishery.*

Not yet completed for public release.

*...[SSC] recommendation regarding local and traditional knowledge relevant to the Norton Sound red king crab fishery.... [and] development of a quantitative baseline of annual community engagement and dependency for the Norton Sound red king crab fishery... remains an outstanding request.*

LK/TK and community engagement/dependency analyses of NSRKC fishery to be addressed in separate initiatives from SAFE report; community-specific content for crab fisheries to be added

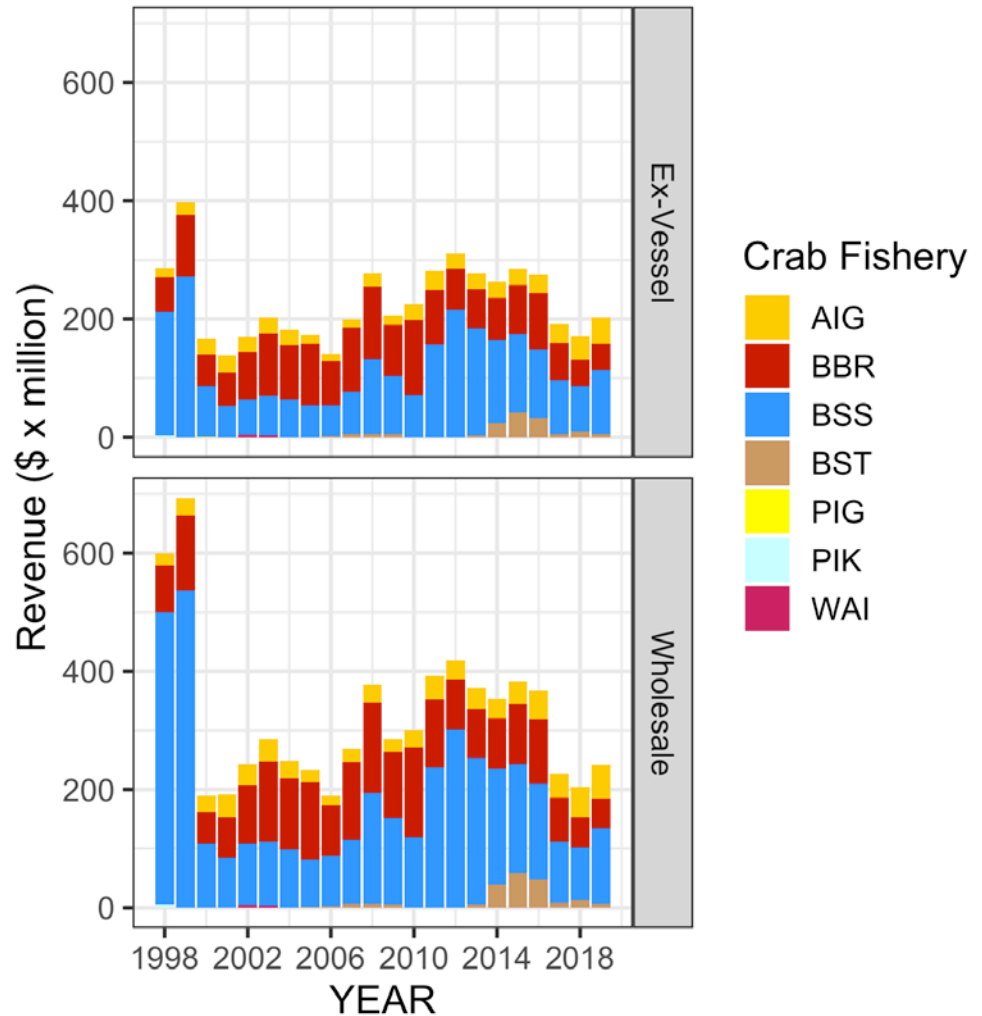
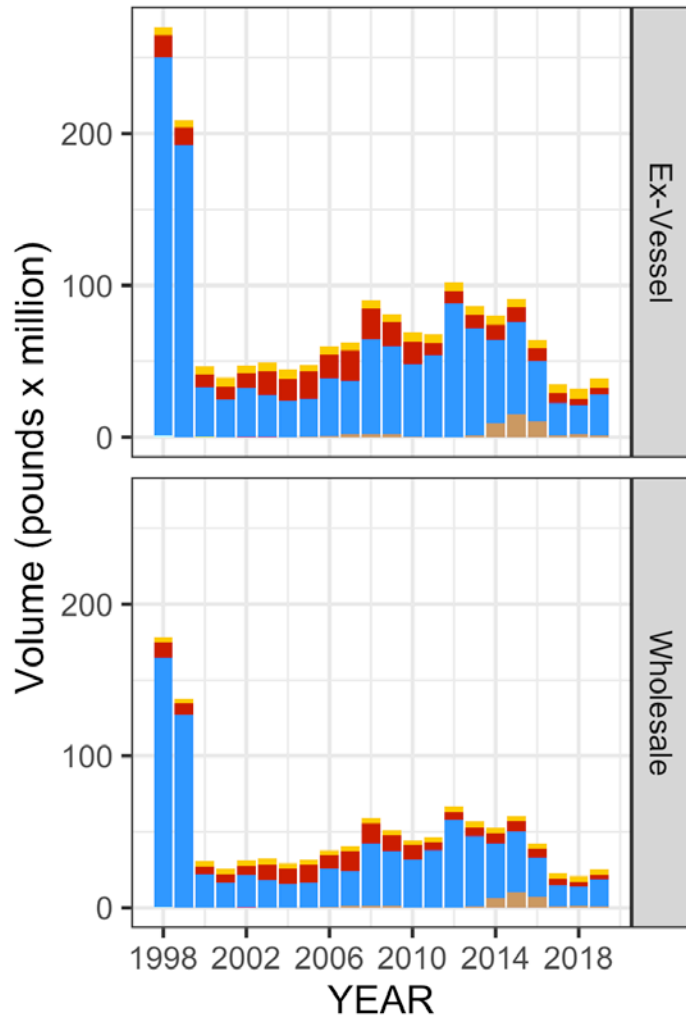
# TAC 2005/06 – 2020/21



# 2018 Production & Value

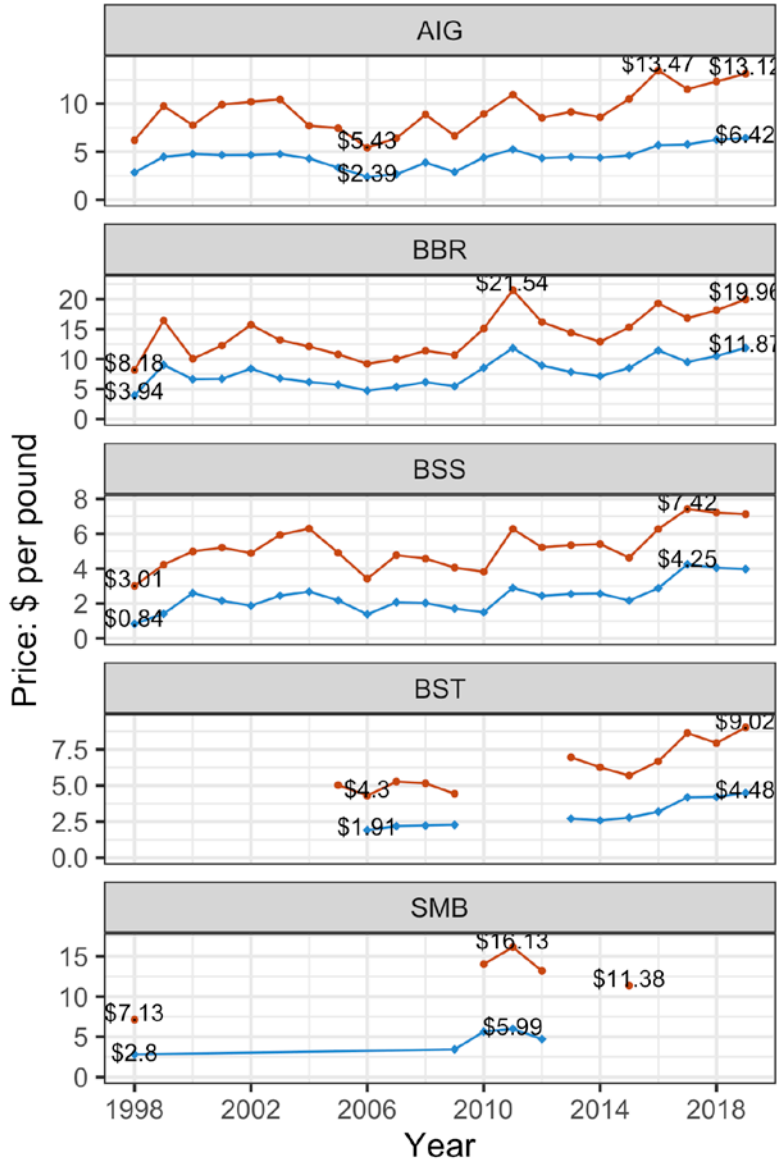
Production Volume,  
All Fisheries by Sector

Gross Revenue,  
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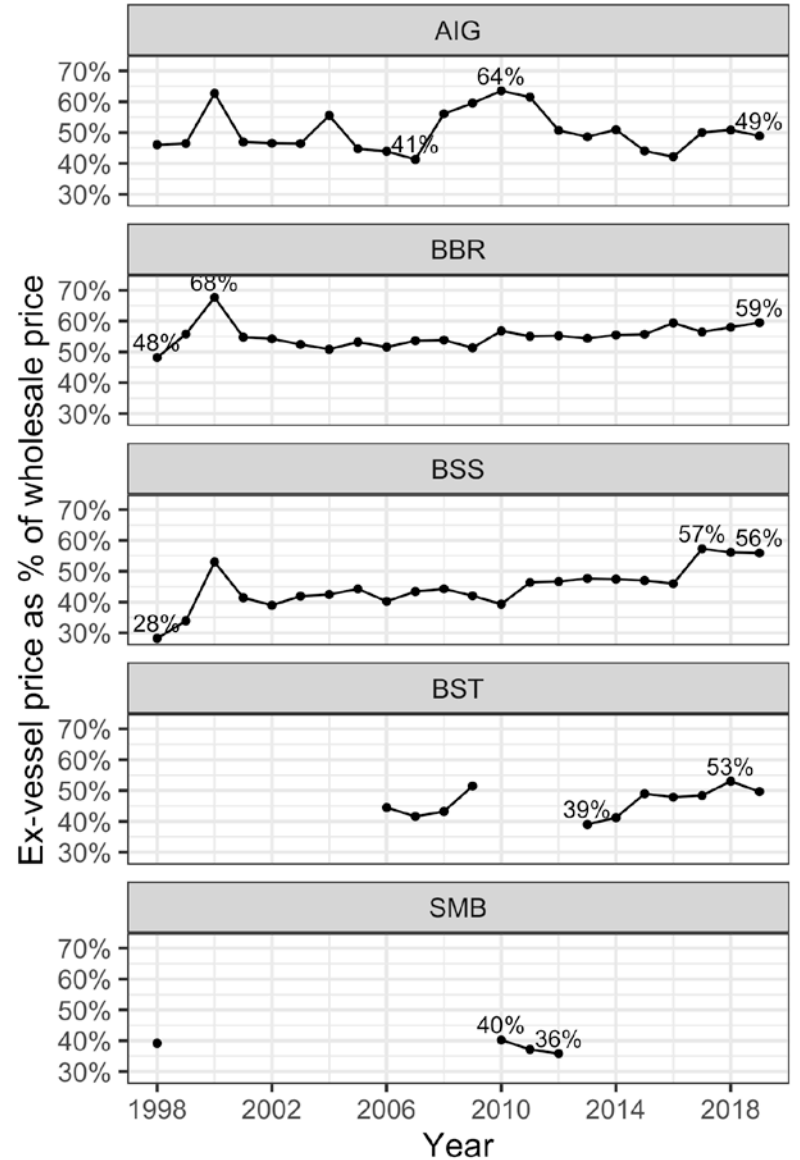


# Ex-vessel & Wholesale Price

## Ex-vessel and First Wholesale Price



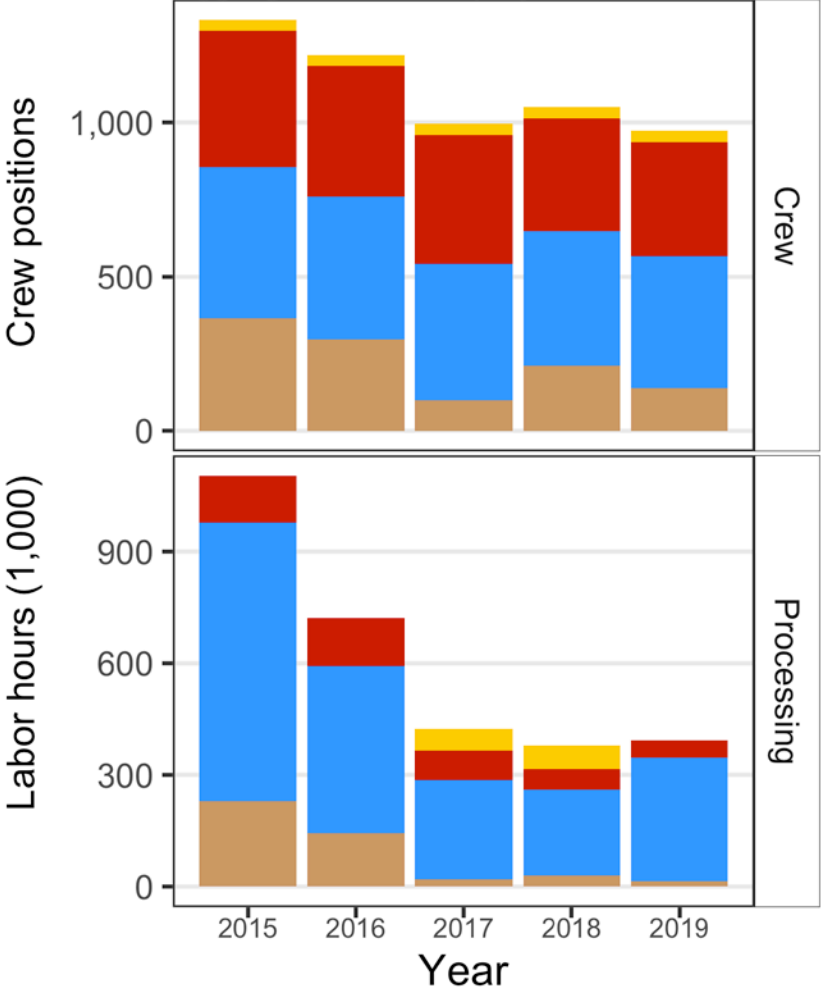
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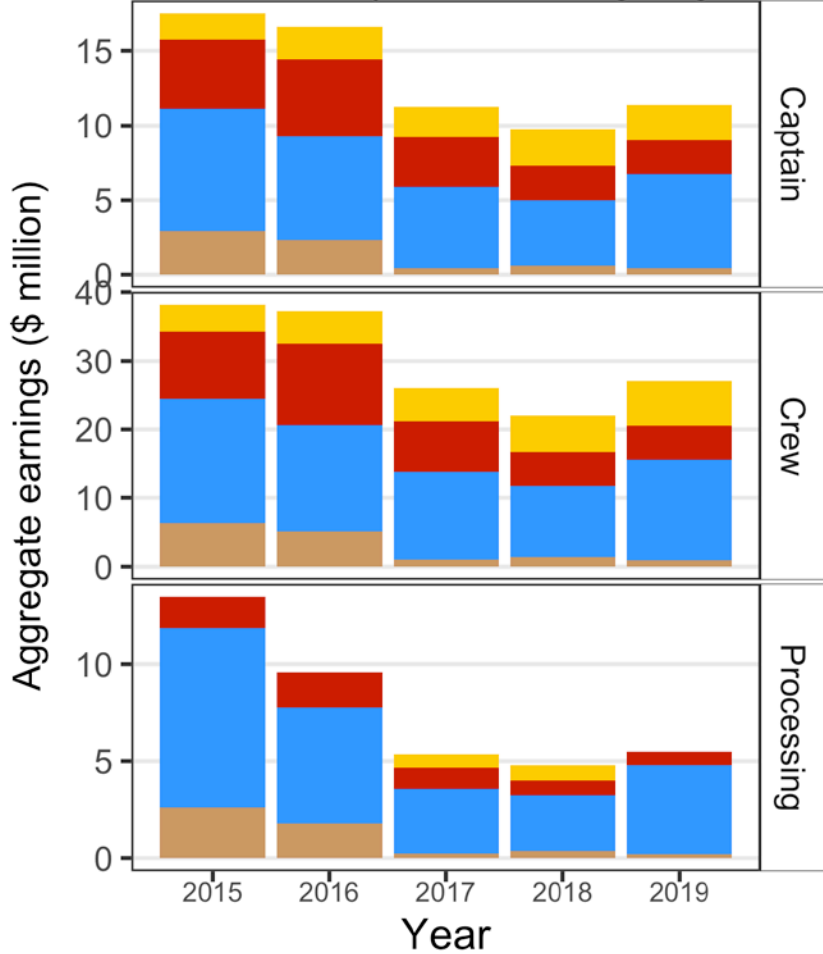


# 2018 Employment & Income (CR program)

Aggregate Crab Employment



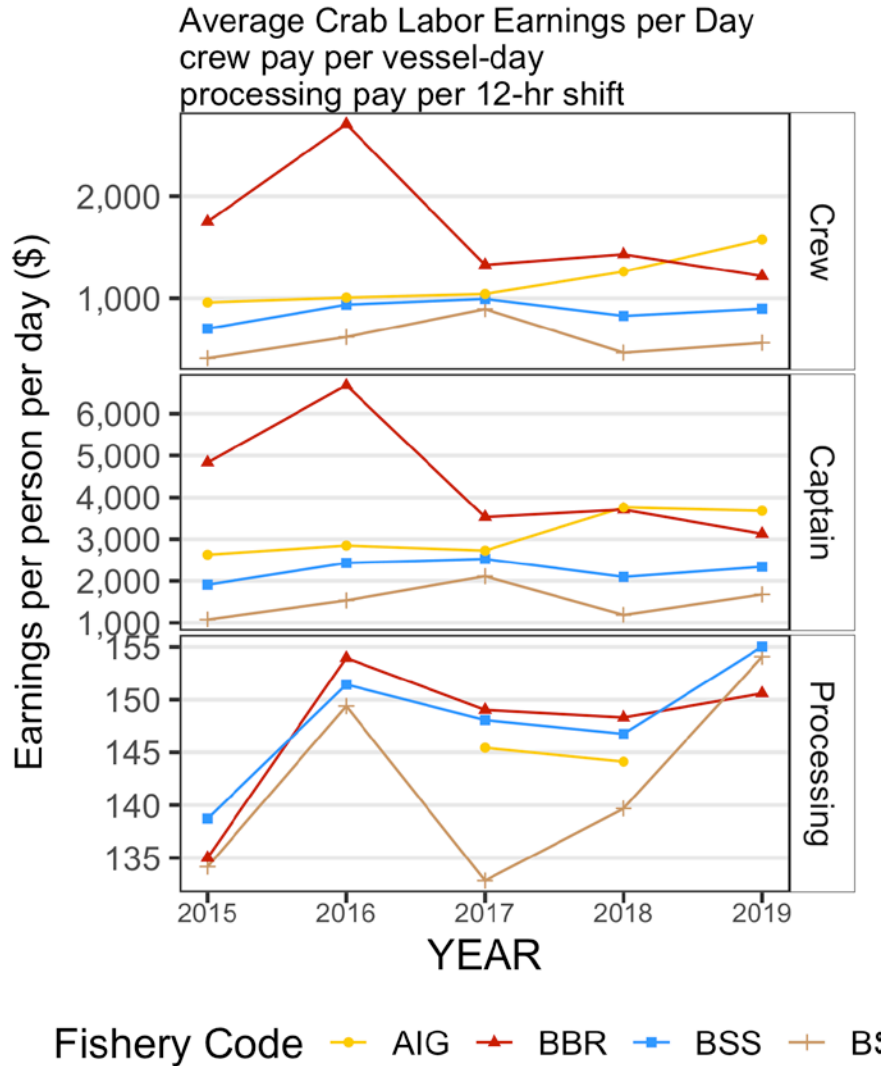
Aggregate Crab Labor Earnings, Crew Share Pay and Processing Wages



Fishery AIG BBR BSS BST

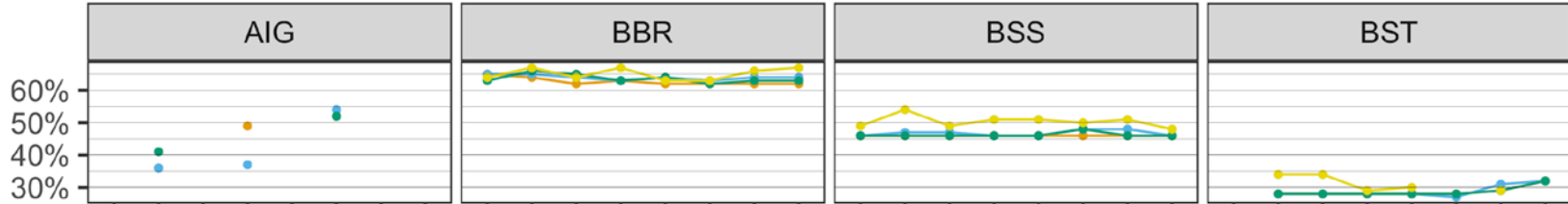
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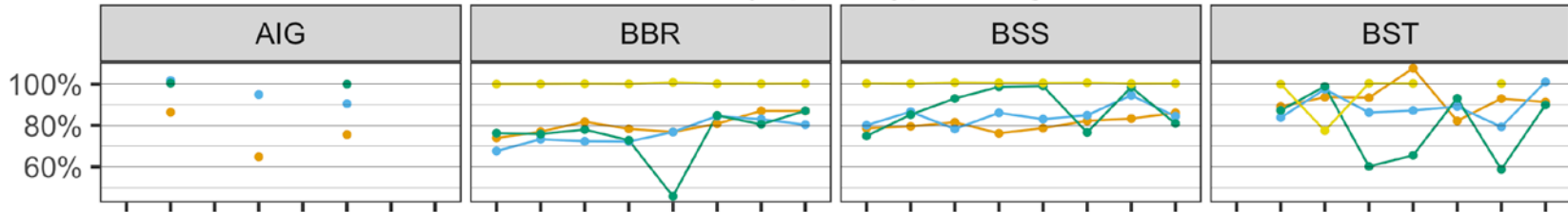


# IFQ Lease Activity and Rates

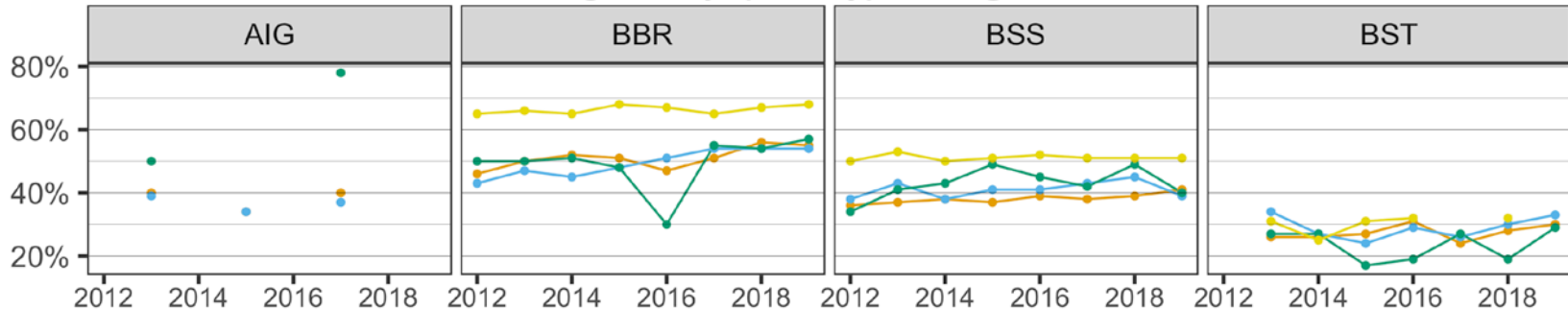
Average lease rate (lease price as % of ex-vessel price), vessel median



Lease volume as % of pounds landed by quota type, weighted mean

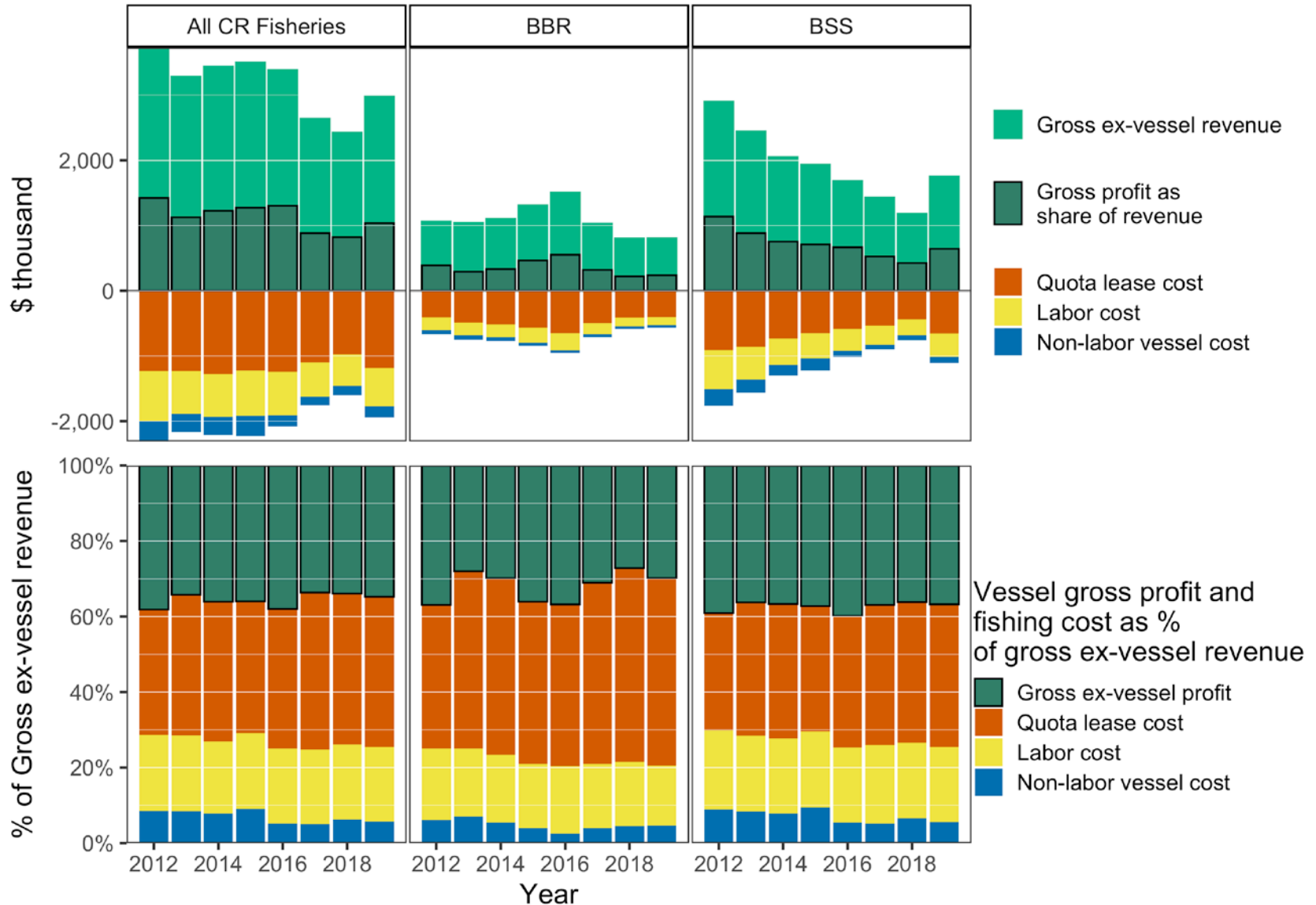


Lease cost as % of ex-vessel gross by quota type, weighted mean

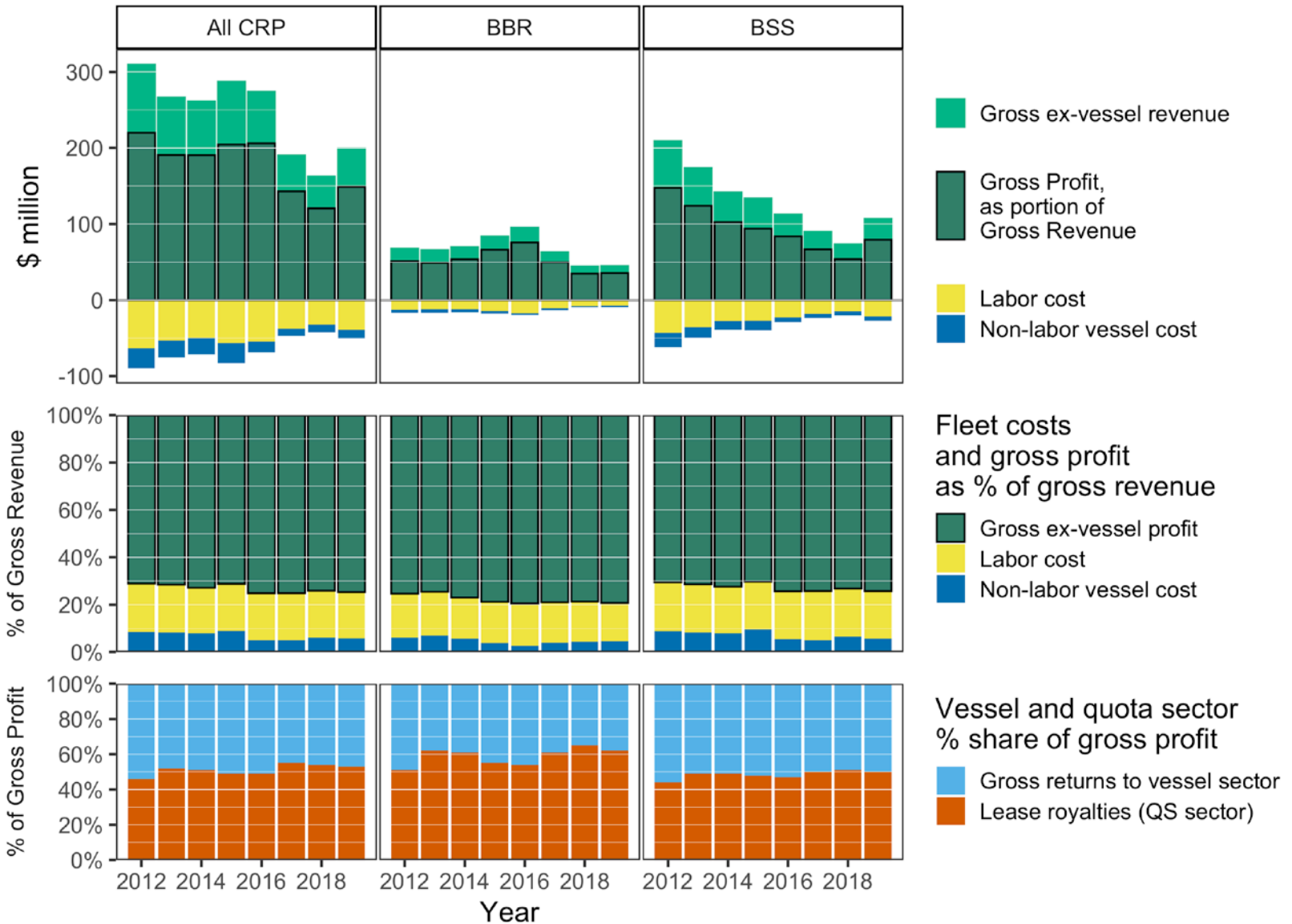


Quota Type — CVO A — CVO B + CPO — CVC + CPC — CDQ + ACA

# Vessel Income Statement



# Fleet Income Statement



# ESPs

BBR & SMB completed for 2020  
BSS planned for 2021

## 2020 ESP Indicators

### Fishery Performance Indicators

CPUE

Total Potlift

Vessels active in fishery

Male bycatch biomass

### Economic Indicators

TAC Utilization (%)

Ex-vessel value of landings

Ex-vessel price per pound

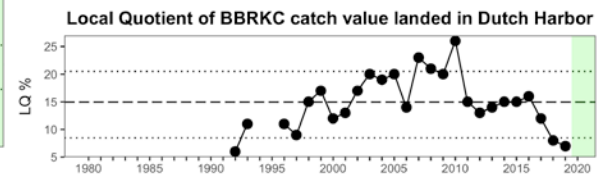
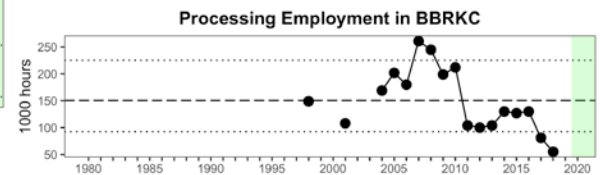
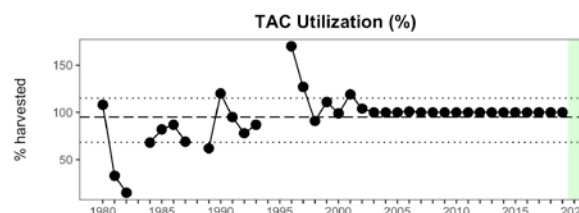
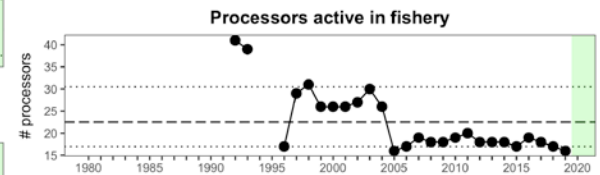
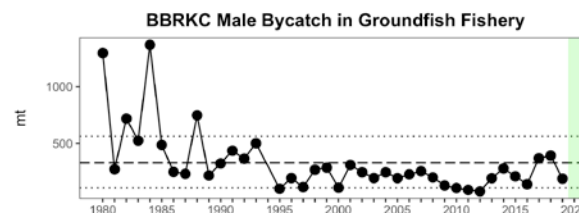
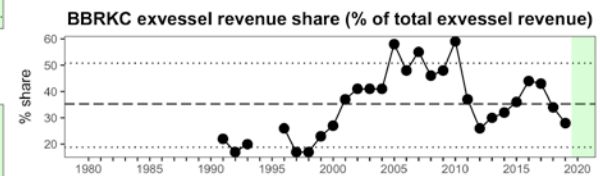
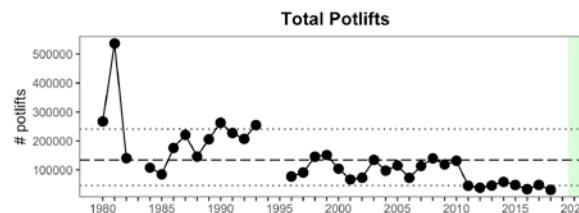
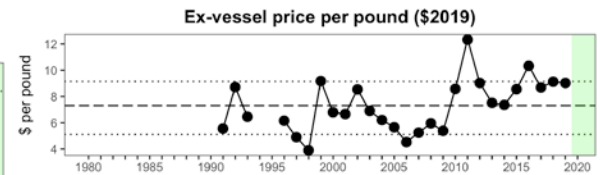
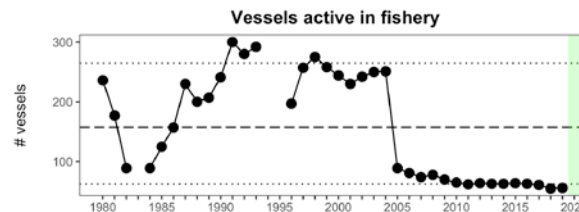
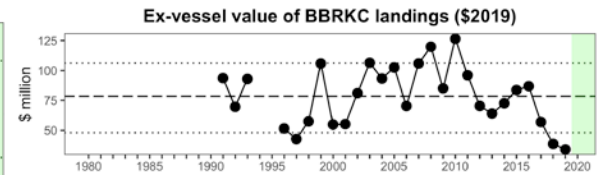
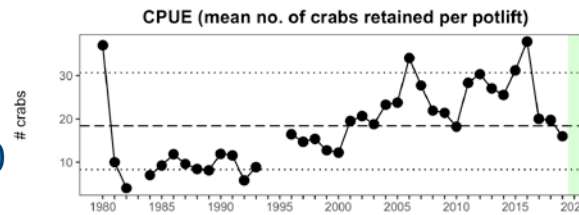
Ex-vessel revenue

### Community Indicators

Processors active in fishery

Processing Employment

Local Quotient



# Discussion

Priorities for 2021 SAFE:

- Report card metrics, ESP integration
  - Price forecasts & current-year estimates
  - Processing sector income analysis
  - Community-level income/employment
  - Include crab market profiles section
  - Improve consistency with Groundfish Econ SAFE
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- Council EDR Review
  - Prepare for CR Program Review support (2023)