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A Study Prospectus: Understanding Active Participation, Crew Compensation, and Lease Rates in the BSAI Crab Rationalization Program

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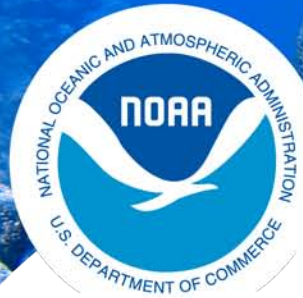
Purpose



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- To advance understanding about how to address these issues in the least burdensome and costly, and most flexible manner.
- To aggregate and expand upon the cooperatives' reports.
 - Comprehensive report
 - Effects of measures, the challenges and incentives faced by stakeholders in addressing these issues, and the future of the fishery
 - "Program participation opportunities and next generation ownership"
- To determine stakeholder preferences for policy options.
- To provide an explorative forum for stakeholders.



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Council's Five-Year Research Priorities

"Conduct pre- and post-implementation studies of the benefits and costs, and their distribution, associated with changes in management regimes (e.g., characteristics of quota share markets, changes in distribution of ownership, changes in crew compensation) as a consequence of the introduction of dedicated access privileges in the BSAI crab fisheries."

Study Methodology



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- In-depth, semi-structured interviews based on a list of topics
- Representative samples of all BSAI crab fisheries stakeholder groups
 - Cooperative representatives, quota share holders, vessel owners, captains, and crewmembers
- Conducted at Council meetings, industry gatherings, representative offices, dockside, etc.
- Sampling from organizations and public records
 - Tapping into existent networks
- Timeframe for interviews: February through April/May

Study Topic Areas



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- The **efficacy** of current cooperative-developed measures to address active participation, crew compensation, and lease rates
- The **incentives and challenges** that can complicate policies designed to affect these issues
- The **access to owner quota share** and the **functioning of this market**
- The **future of the fishery** as a reflection of the above three discussion topics

Analysis and Results



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- Content analysis to identify patterns in interviewee responses
 - Code interview responses to specific subject areas to find common themes among respondents
- Synthesize our results and produce a report for the utility of the Council and stakeholders

Conclusions



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- This study will:
 - Aggregate and expand info in December co-op reports
 - Advance understanding of voluntary measures
 - Provide an exploratory avenue for stakeholders
 - Address the Council's research priorities