



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
REPORT TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL**

**Fisheries**

Fisheries managed by the State of Alaska since the last Council report includes those for crab, scallop, and groundfish.

**Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab**

The 2020/21 Aleutian Islands commercial golden king crab fishery opened August 1, 2020. The total allowable catch (TAC) for this stock is 6.61 million pounds and is apportioned east and west of 174° W longitude. For the 2020/21 fishing year the eastern TAC is 3.65 million pounds and the western TAC is 2.96 million pounds. Ten percent of the eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab TAC is allocated to the Community Development Quota (CDQ) fishery and ten percent of the western Aleutian Islands golden king crab TAC is allocated to the Adak Community Allocation (ACA) fishery. To date, 3.5 million pounds have been harvested by three vessels in the eastern area and 1.6 million pounds have been harvested by three vessels in the western area (Figure 1). ACA harvest is confidential and is not included in the reported harvest. AIGKC fisheries close by regulation on April 30, 2021.

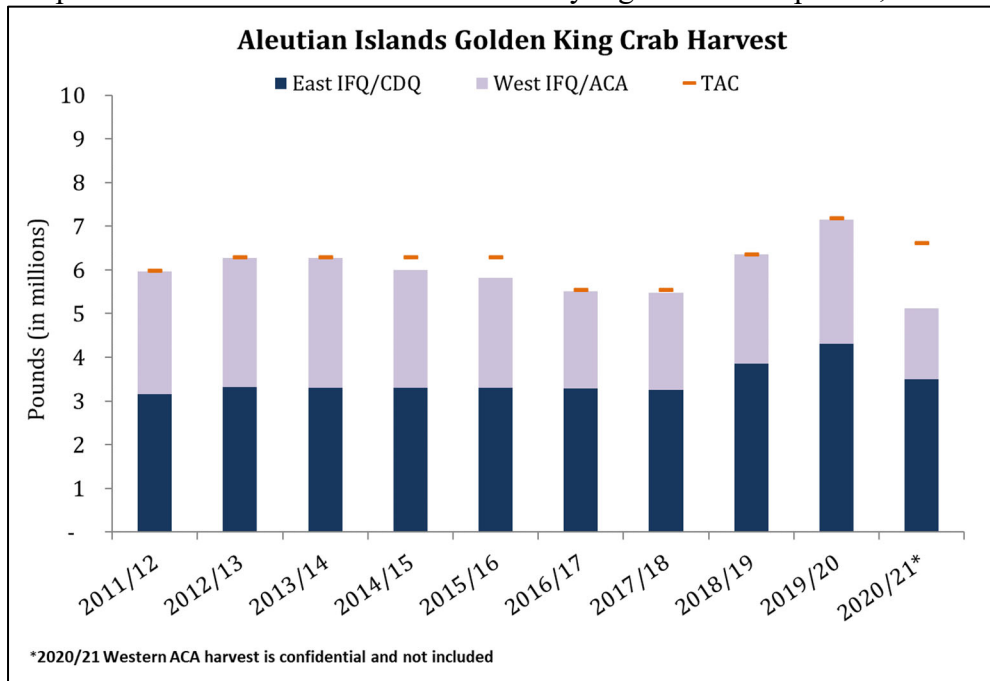
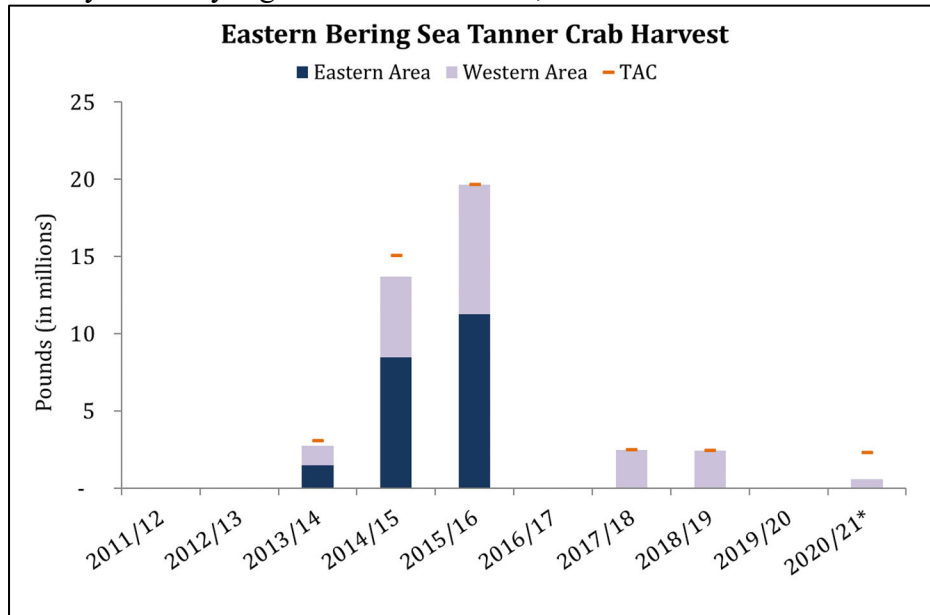


Figure 1. Aleutian Islands golden king crab harvest; 2011/12 – 2020/21 seasons.

**Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab**

The 2020/21 Bering Sea District Tanner crab fishery opened on October 15, 2020, in the western area (West of 166° W longitude) with a TAC of 2.348 million pounds. A portion of this TAC, 234,800 pounds, is allocated to CDQ fisheries. The eastern area will remain closed for the 2020/21 season. To

date, 25 vessels have harvested 563,000 pounds in the IFQ fishery and CDQ harvest is confidential (Figure 2). This fishery closes by regulation on March 31, 2021.

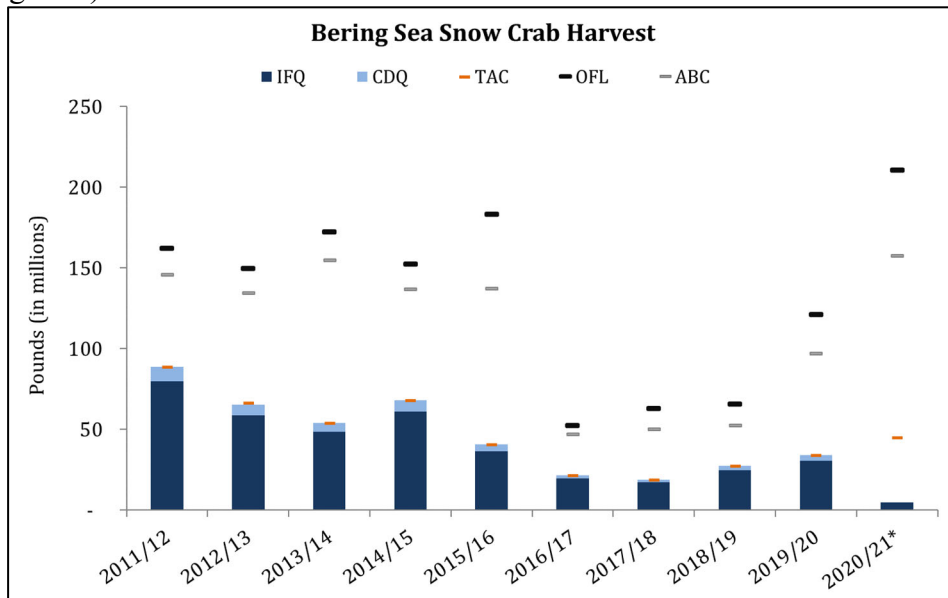


\* 2020/21 CDQ harvest is confidential.

Figure 2. Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab harvest; 2011/12 – 2020/21 seasons.

### Bering Sea Snow Crab

The Bering Sea snow crab fishery opened on October 15, 2020 and will remain open through May 15, 2021 in the Eastern Subdistrict (between 166° W and 173° W longitude) and through May 31, 2020 in the Western Subdistrict (west of 173° W longitude). The 2020/21 snow crab TAC is 45.0 million pounds. Ten percent of the Bering Sea snow crab TAC is allocated to CDQ fisheries. To date, 27 vessels have harvested 4.6 million pounds in the IFQ fishery (10% of the total TAC) and CDQ harvest is confidential (Figure 3).



\* 2020/21 CDQ harvest is confidential.

Figure 3. Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab harvest; 2011/12 – 2020/21 seasons.

## Scallop

Weathervane scallop fisheries in the Yakutat, Kodiak, Alaska Peninsula, Dutch Harbor, and the Bering Sea registration areas opened on July 1, 2020. The cumulative guideline harvest level (GHL) for the 2020/21 season is 277,500 pounds of shucked meats (Table 1). To date 226,130 pounds of shucked meats have been harvested, 82% of the 2020/21 GHL (Figure 4).

Table 1. Weathervane scallop guideline harvest level and bycatch limits, by area for 2020/21.

2020/21 Alaska Weathervane Scallop Guideline Harvest and Crab Bycatch Levels				
Registration Area	District/Management Unit	GHL (pounds of shucked meat)	Bycatch Limits (number of crab)	
			Tanner Crab	King Crab
Yakutat		145,000	N/A	N/A
Prince William Sound	East Kayak Subsection	<i>Closed for the 2020/21 season</i>	N/A	N/A
	West Kayak Subsection	<i>Closed for the 2020/21 season</i>	N/A	N/A
Cook Inlet	Kamishak Bay District	<i>Closed for the 2020/21 season</i>	N/A	N/A
Kodiak	Northeast District	15,000	9,000	25
	Shelikof District	40,000	20,000	25
	Southwest District	35,000	17,500	25
	Southeast District	15,000	9,000	25
	Semidi Islands District <sup>1</sup>	<i>Exploratory Area (Commissioner's Permit)</i>		
Alaska Peninsula	160° to 161° W. long	7,500	3,750	25
	Unimak Bight <sup>1</sup>	7,500	3,750	25
Dutch Harbor	Bering Sea waters	5,000	5,000	10
	Pacific Ocean waters	<i>Closed for the 2020/21 season</i>	N/A	N/A
Bering Sea		7,500	65,000	500
			<i>C. opilio &amp; hybrids</i>	
			300,000	
<sup>1</sup> Commissioner's Permit required to harvest scallops in these areas.				

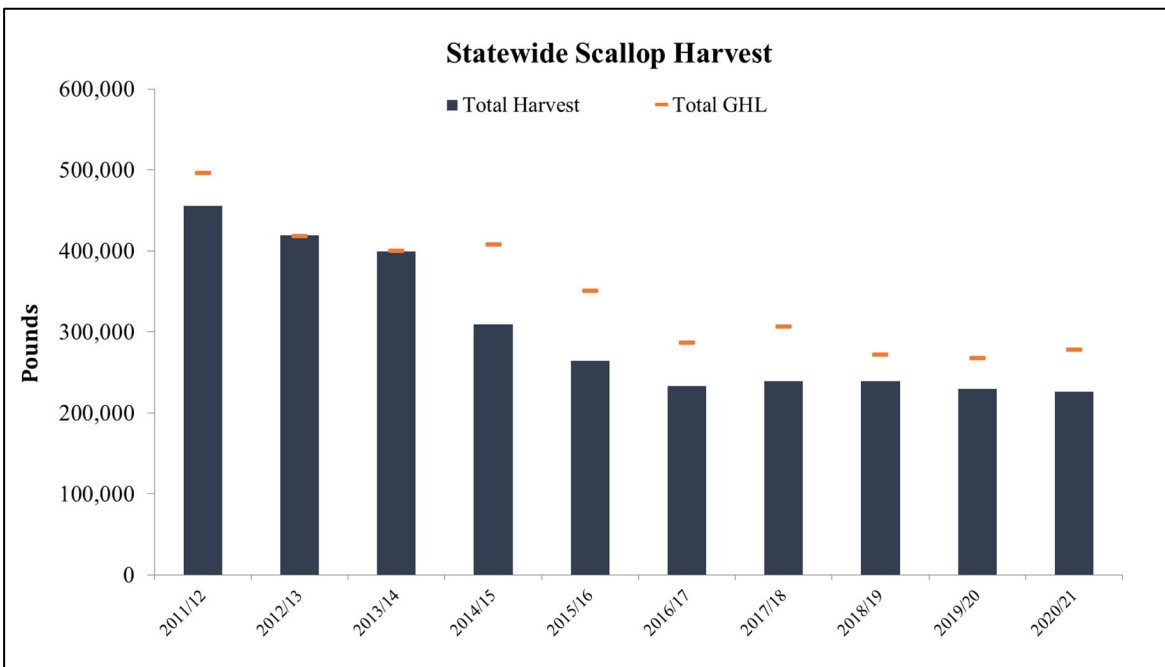


Figure 4. Statewide weathervane scallop harvest, 2011/12 – 2020/21.

## Pacific Cod

State-water Pacific cod fisheries are established in the Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula, and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Management Areas. Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs) are calculated as a percentage of area ABCs and 2021 GHLs are as follows:

State Water Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Level					
State Management Area	ABC and GHL percentage in regulation		Gear	2021 GHL (pounds)	2021 GHL (mt)
Prince William Sound	EGOA - 25%		Jig/Pot	164,107	74
			Longline	929,937	422
Chignik	8.75%	CGOA - 25%	Jig	263,428	119
			Pot	2,370,849	1,075
Kodiak	12.50%	CGOA - 25%	Jig	1,881,626	853
			Pot	1,881,626	853
Cook Inlet	3.75%	CGOA - 25%	Jig	169,348	77
			Pot	959,639	435
South Alaska Peninsula	WGOA - 30%		Jig	792,267	359
			Pot	4,489,514	2,036
Dutch Harbor Subdistrict	Bering Sea - 10%		Jig	100,000	45
			Pot	27,292,000	12,379
Aleutian Islands Subdistrict*	Aleutian Islands - 39%		All	15,000,000	6,804

\*AI Subdistrict GHL is capped at 15 million pounds (6,804 mt)

## Alaska Board of Fisheries

On January 25, 2021, the Board of Fisheries (Board) approved postponing its 2020/2021 meetings to 2021/2022 with dates to be determined at the March 8, 2021 Board meeting. The Board also approved keeping its current 2021/2022 meeting schedule as planned.

The postponed 2020/2021 meetings include those for Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish, Prince William Sound/Upper Copper and Upper Susitna Rivers Finfish and Shellfish, and Statewide Shellfish (except Prince William Sound, Southeast, and Yakutat, but including Prince William Sound shrimp). Emerging issues for these meetings may be submitted as agenda change requests by August 23, 2021.

The Board extended the call for proposals for the scheduled 2021/2022 meetings until May 10, 2021 for Bristol Bay Finfish; Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim Finfish; Alaska Peninsula, Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik Finfish; and Statewide Finfish issues.