

C1 Crab C shares
Council Motion
December 8, 2023

The Council adopts the following preferred alternative for final action.

Alternative 2 - Modify the CVC QS and CPC QS recency requirement.

Option 1: Restart the recent participation requirement when the final rule is implemented and reissue all revoked CVC and CPC QS starting in 2019 and until the final rule is implemented.

Option 3: Revise the eligibility requirements for CVC and CPC QS holders to receive annual IFQ and retain QS holdings to be the same for initial recipients and new entrants.

Include the additional regulatory changes recommended by NMFS in Section 2.5 of the Analysis:

- For the closed fishery exemptions at 50 CFR 680.40(g)(2) and 50 CFR 680.40(m)(2), clarify that a person who holds CVC or CPC QS in more than one fishery is exempt from active participation requirements in years when all of their CR crab fishery(ies) are closed.
- Clarify that the phrase “participated as crew in at least one delivery of crab in any CR crab fishery” as used in crab regulations at 50 CFR 680.40(g)(2), and 50 CFR 680.40(m)(2) means participating as crew during at least one fishing trip where a delivery of crab is made in any CR fishery.

In Addition:

- Under Alternative 2, Option 3, clarify that participation as crew on a tender vessel counts toward the 30-days of active participation.

The Council deems proposed regulations that clearly and directly flow from the provisions of this motion to be necessary and appropriate in accordance with section 303(c).

The Council authorizes the Executive Director and the Chairman to review the draft proposed regulations when provided by NMFS to ensure that the proposed regulations to be submitted to the Secretary under section 303(c) are consistent with these instructions.