

## **North Pacific Fishery Management Council**

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## D2 Bristol Bay Red King Crab Info Paper

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## Memo: Index of Request for Information (RFI) responses

In April 2022, the Council put out a request for information (RFI) to the public for feedback that could inform future management actions related to Bristol Bay red king crab (BBRKC). The request was noticed in the Federal Register (87 FR 34255, June 6, 2022); it highlighted three specific areas of interest but the request was open-ended and non-exclusive. The comments cataloged below are additional to any comments submitted through the typical channel under the Council's D2 agenda item (see Council agenda here). The RFI was later amended to invite comments on the same areas of interest but relating to Eastern Bering Sea (EBS) snow crab in addition to BBRKC.

This memo simply provides a list of the seventeen submitters (self-identified), broadly categorized by affiliation (if known), and indicates which of the Council's areas of interest were referenced (if any). The memo also notes whether EBS snow crab was specifically referenced in the comment. The purpose of the memo is to serve as a quick reference to those who might be cross-referencing comments submitted under the D2 agenda item or other agenda items (i.e., C1 BSAI crab specifications, etc.) with submissions under the RFI. Council staff has not supplied any interpretation other than to order the submission list by categories of affiliation that are well-known to the public.

The table below lists submitters by general category and names the specific affiliation provided by the submitter (if any). Check-boxes 1, 2 and 3 correspond to the Council's RFI shown below. Box 4 indicates whether the comment references EBS snow crab.

## Council request for information:

- 1. Voluntary measures for implementation in 2023 and beyond to avoid BBRKC and/or EBS snow crab and reduce crab mortality in the non-directed fisheries.
- 2. Measures in the directed crab fishery to reduce discard mortality of BBRKC and/or EBS snow crab.
- 3. Description of research that would inform development of more flexible and effective spatial management measures; gear modifications to reduce impacts on the BBRKC and/or EBS snow crab stocks, or to evaluate unobserved mortality in the trawl sector.

Category	Submitter	Detail	1. Vol. Measures (Non-Directed)	2. Discard Mort. (Directed)	3. Research spatial mgmt., gear mods, unobserved mort.	Refs. EBS snow crab
Individual/Vessel/Company	C. Braxton Dew	(unspecified)			Х	
Individual/Vessel/Company	Craig Rose	FishNext Research			Х	Х
Individual/Vessel/Company	Dan	Self				
Individual/Vessel/Company	Dave	Self				
Individual/Vessel/Company	Doug Diquis	Fisherman	х	Х	Х	
Individual/Vessel/Company	Knut Knutsen	Aleutian Spray LLC				
Individual/Vessel/Company	Miguel Camacho Castillo	F/V Confidence		X	Х	
Individual/Vessel/Company	Oystein Lone	Lone Larsen LLC & Sheldon LLC		Х	Х	
Individual/Vessel/Company	Robert Haerling & Jan Kristiansen	Fishermen				
Crab Fisheries	Jamie Goen	Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers	х	X	Х	X
Crab Fisheries	Scott Goodman	Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation (BSFRF)			Х	X
Pot Gear (Groundfish/Crab)	Ephraim Froehlich	Independent Pot Cod Harvesters	х			
Pot Gear (Groundfish/Crab)	Craig Lowenberg	Bering Sea Pot Cod Cooperative	х		Х	
Pot Gear (Groundfish)	Hannah Heimbuch	Under Sixty Cod Harvesters	х			
Groundfish Trawl; Crab Fisheries	R. Christiansen, S. Goodman, E. Poulsen	United Catcher Boats & BSFRF			Х	
Groundfish Trawl	John Gauvin	Alaska Seafood Cooperative	Х		Х	
Groundfish Hook-and-Line	Chad See	Freezer Longline Coalition	Х		Х	Х