

2025/26 Stock Status Determination for Western Aleutian Islands Red King Crab

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Summary

The full assessment of Western Aleutian Islands red king crab (WAIRKC) was conducted in September 2023 (Daly 2023) and will be next conducted in September 2027. The 2023 assessment determined the overfishing limit (OFL) for the to 2025/26 season 56 t (123,867 lb) and the ABC to be 14 t (30,967 lb). The directed fishery was closed in 2025/26 and there was no bycatch in the WAG subdistrict of the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery or ground fisheries. Since total fishery-related mortality was less than the OFL for 2025/26, **overfishing did not occur**.

The following two tables update the management performance tables presented in the September 2023 SAFE Report with completed fishery estimates of retained and total catch for 2025/26. Some difference may be expected due to ongoing time series standardization and will be addressed during the next final assessment.

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Year	MSST	Biomass (MMB _{mating})	TAC	Retained Catch	Total Catch	OFL	ABC
2018/19	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	0.663	56	14
2019/20	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	0.754	56	14
2020/21	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	0.346	56	14
2021/22	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	0.071	56	14
2022/23	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	0.127	56	14
2023/24	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	0.130	56	14
2024/25	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	0.007	56	14
2025/26	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	0.000	56	14

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2018/19	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	1462	123,867	30,967
2019/20	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	1662	123,867	30,967
2020/21	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	764	123,867	30,967
2021/22	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	156	123,867	30,967
2022/23	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	281	123,867	30,967
2023/24	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	287	123,867	30,967
2024/25	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	15	123,867	30,967
2025/26	N/A	N/A	Closed	0	0	123,867	30,967

Literature

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