

Council Motion
E1 – Staff Tasking
June 13, 2022

The AP ~~recommends that the~~ Council requests the Secretary promulgate emergency regulations under the authority of Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act to suspend the recent participation requirements for Catcher Vessel Crew (CVC) QS and Catcher Processor Crew (CPC) QS and suspend any revocation of and issue all IFQ for the CVC QS and CPC QS for this upcoming 2022/23 fishing season. The urgency to do this now is the application deadline for the upcoming 2022/23 is June 15th of 2022. This action would not modify other aspects of the CR Program.

The AP ~~also recommends that the~~ Council initiates analysis to modify the CVC QS and CPC QS recent participation requirements with the following purpose and need and alternatives for analysis.

Purpose and Need:

The CVC and CPC shares have a participation requirement of one delivery during the previous 4 consecutive years. With the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, now in its third year, ~~many~~ some crew members have not been able to comply with the participation requirement. With the unforeseen circumstance of the decline of the BSS stock and potential fishery closures, there will be less opportunity for crew to participate in crab fisheries.

- Alternative 1 - No action
- Alternative 2 - Modify the CVC QS and CPC QS recency requirement
 - Option 1: Restart the recent participation requirement beginning in 2023/24 fishing year. Do not count 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, toward the recent participation requirement.
 - Option 2: Give the Regional Administrator the authority to suspend the CVC QS and CPC QS recent participation requirement.