



November 17, 2017 -- The Alaska Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Certification draft reports for re-assessment and initial assessment of the following Alaska crab fisheries are now available for registered stakeholder comment:

- Bristol Bay Red King crab (*Paralithodes camtschaticus*), St. Matthew Island Blue King crab (*Paralithodes platypus*) and Eastern Bering Sea Snow crab (*Chionoecetes opilio*] (**re-assessments**)
- The Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab (*Chionoecetes bairdi*), Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab (*Lithodes aequispinus*) (**initial assessments**)

**The comment period commences on November 17, 2017
and closes on December 16, 2017 at 5:00 PM GMT.**

Stakeholders already registered will receive a copy via e-mail from the Certification Body, Global Trust Certification Ltd.

Stakeholders who have not registered, but would like to receive a copy of the report, should first register by contacting:

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Please provide the following details when registering:

1. Name and company, together with contact information;
2. Your association with the fishery.

All registered stakeholders are invited to comment on the factual contents of the report, either in relation to the specific sections of the report or specific Evaluation Parameters. Comments should be clearly related to specific report sections or Evaluation Parameters. Any recommendations or criticisms should be supported with data or literature citations so that the assessment team is able to evaluate these comments.

Following receipt of comments from registered stakeholders, Global Trust Certification will consider all available information and make a determination on whether the Alaska crab fisheries should be re-certified and certified. Comments to the report should be forwarded to Global Trust Certification by **December 16, 2017 at 5:00 PM GMT.**

Further information on stakeholder involvement can be located at:

<http://www.alaskaseafood.org/rfm-certification/stakeholder-involvement/>

We welcome any feedback or questions you may have at rfm@alaskaseafood.org

For more information on Alaska RFM certification go to

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