

	<b>CRAB RATIONALIZATION (CR) COOPERATIVE ANNUAL REPORT</b>	Regional Administrator NMFS Alaska Region P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 Fax: (907) 586-7557 Online: <a href="https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login">https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login</a>
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The Council requests that each CR Program cooperative develop and implement procedures and provide information on CR Program activities in a CR Cooperative Annual Report. The voluntary non-regulatory report is to summarize the effectiveness of each measure and estimate the number of participants in each measure. The purpose of the requested information is to increase availability of QS for transfer to active participants and crew members, decrease high QS lease rates, and improve low crew compensation. The cooperative response may be framed as answers to the following questions derived from the Council's motion concerning crab cooperative measures.

### CR Cooperative Report

1. What measures is the cooperative taking to facilitate the transfer of QS to active participants, including crew members and vessel owners?
2. What is the level of participation from cooperative members regarding these measures?
3. How effective have these measures been?
4. What measures is the cooperative taking to address the issue of high lease rates, as they affect crew compensation?
5. What is the level of participation from cooperative members regarding these measures?
6. How effective have these measures been?
7. What future measures does the cooperative plan to take to address the Council concerns over active participation and lease rates as they affect crew compensation?

Use consistent terminology with terms defined under the CR Program regulations

Provide a glossary of key terms used in the reports

**Deadline:** The annual CR Cooperative Report for the prior calendar year must be received by the Regional Administrator not later than 1700 hours, A.l.t. on March 1 of each year.

When complete, submit the annual A80 cooperative report:

- ◆ Online at: <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login>
- ◆ By fax to: (907) 586-7557
- ◆ or by mail to:
 

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Estimated time to complete: 30 hours per report.

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Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

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