

“Understanding Active Participation, Crew Compensation, and Lease Rates in the BSAI Crab Rationalization Program: A Study by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center”

A List of Topics for Interviews with Crab Fisheries Stakeholders

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- 1) The efficacy of current measures by the cooperatives to address issues with active participation, crew compensation, and lease rates.
 - a. Possible metrics for evaluating efficacy, thresholds for achieving success.
 - b. Timeframe for evaluating efficacy.
 - c. Long-term maintenance and operation of these measures.
 - d. Development process of implemented measures.
- 2) The incentives of and challenges to addressing the Council’s concerns about crew compensation, lease rates, and active participation.
 - a. Effects of the cooperatives’ measures on these incentives and challenges.
 - b. Definition of active participation in the BSAI crab fisheries.
- 3) The access to owner quota share and the functioning of this market.
 - a. Accessibility to owner quota share for captains and crewmembers.
 - b. Factors affecting quota share buying and selling decisions.
 - c. The impacts of the voluntary measures on these factors and decisions.
 - d. Availability of financing for quota share purchases.
 - e. The notification process for owner quota share sales.
- 4) The future of the fishery as a reflection of the above three discussion topics.
 - a. Interest amongst potential new entrants into the fishery.
 - b. Incentives and barriers for new entrants.
 - c. Impacts of the issues with active participation, lease rates, and crew compensation on potential for new entry.
 - d. Impacts of the voluntary measures on this potential.
 - e. Other mechanisms for facilitating entry.