

HUMANS :: Crab Fisheries and Social Issues

Impacts on Bering Sea Crab Fishermen

Project 725

RESEARCHERS PARTICIPATING IN AN ONGOING STUDY OF THE BERING SEA CRAB FISHERY, PROJECT 725, ARE CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WITH CREWMEMBERS TO DETERMINE HOW RATIONALIZATION OF THE CRAB FISHERIES AND REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING VESSELS FROM 300 TO 100 HAS IMPACTED THEIR WORKPLACE DYNAMICS AND PAY.



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GETTING MANAGERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO FIND COMMON GROUND AND AGREE ABOUT THE STATE OF THE RESOURCES AND THE NEED FOR SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT ACTIONS IS OFTEN DIFFICULT.

Unreconciled differences in opinion lead to impasse and potential worsening of the resource base, as has happened repeatedly in New England fisheries. There, scientists and fishermen are frequently at odds about how to manage for sustainability.

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Traditional Knowledge about Sustainable Fish Populations

Project 823

IN OUR REGION, AN ONGOING STUDY IS ASSESSING local and traditional knowledge as it pertains to salmon biology in the Copper River near Cordova, Alaska, and how it may differ in perspective from State of Alaska fisheries managers. Project 823 is examining knowledge held by Ahtna Native and commercial fishermen to determine how their perceptions of what is necessary to keep the salmon populations sustainable are shaped by their culture, training, and experience in the fisheries. This will allow investigators to determine how local scientific perceptions differ from the views held by fisheries scientists and managers, which could lead to finding common ground, improving communications, and making long-term improvements in the fishery.



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