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2022 ST. MATTHEW ISLAND BLUE KING CRAB SURVEY – SEEKING CRAB-POT VESSEL FOR CHARTER

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game plans to conduct blue king crab research in the St. Matthew Island Section (Bering Sea Area 'Q') during late August and September 2022, and will be chartering a commercial crab-pot fishing vessel. The St. Matthew Island blue king crab survey charter will be 26 days with a start date approximately late August; the actual starting date is negotiable between August 15 and September 1, 2022. The charter requires a vessel 110 feet or greater in overall length, and a US Coast Guard licensed captain. The charter will begin and end in Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

The Invitation-to-Bid (ITB 220000021: *VESSEL CHARTER – St. Matthew Island Section [Area 'Q' of the Bering Sea], Alaska, Blue King Crab Survey*) is available at the State of Alaska's Online Public Notice website: <http://notice.alaska.gov/205457>.

Bids must be received before 1:30 P.M. Alaska Standard Time on March 16, 2022.

For information on charter activities or survey objectives, please contact Vicki Vanek at vicki.vanek@alaska.gov or (907) 486-1890, or Andy Nault at andrew.nault@alaska.gov or (907) 486-1891.

For procedural questions on the bidding process, please contact Dave Mitchell at dave.mitchell@alaska.gov or (907) 465-4131.