



ALASKA BERING SEA CRABBERS ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers (ABSC) is a 501(c)(5) non-profit, seafood industry trade association based in Seattle, Washington. ABSC represents nearly 70% of the harvest quota shareholders (“QS holders”) in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Rationalized crab fisheries. We advocate for our members in the following policy venues:

- North Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Federal agencies
 - Department of Commerce (NOAA/NMFS)
 - United States Coast Guard
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - US Department of State
- United States Congress
- State of Alaska
 - Office of the Governor
 - Legislature
 - Board of Fish
 - Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- State of Washington
 - Office of the Governor
 - Department of Fish & Wildlife
- State of Oregon

We also engage with other seafood industry organizations on behalf of our members. We’re actively involved in scientific research related to the crab resource. We are involved in marketing efforts to increase the value of our products. And finally, we interact with the environmental community, the general public, and related industries in an effort to represent the crab harvest sector in a positive manner.

All of our actions are guided by four primary principles:

- 1) To be vigilant stewards of our crab resources and the environment.
- 2) To provide economic stability to our industry and Alaska’s coastal communities.
- 3) To promote safety at sea.
- 4) To produce premier products for our American and global customers.

As Associate Members we want you to join us in our efforts. Annual dues are \$500. Your Associate Membership will provide you with the following benefits:

- Our members will recognize you as a preferred vendor.
- ABSC hosts one or more Crab Science Symposium's each year. You will be invited to attend these events.
- You will be listed on our website under the Associate Member tab. Your listing will include a link to your website (if you have one).
- In addition to receiving our Member Newsletters, you will be prominently featured in at least one Member Newsletter. You will also be listed on each Member Newsletter in the Associate Member box (with a link to your website if you have one). Currently we publish Weekly Member Newsletters once every 7-10 days. We also publish five in-depth Member Newsletters, usually the week after the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings.
- You will also have the opportunity to provide ideas for stories to be included in the Newsletters.
- You will be invited to an annual event to connect you with our members. That event will either be an Associate Member Holiday party or an Associate Member BBQ.