

Red king crab makes comeback

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Anchorage — Red King Crab, once a big food source for the Natives of Norton Sound, may be making a comeback after steep declines in recent years, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game says.

Natives in the area have traditionally caught the crab by fishing with long lines through the ice.

But the resource began to decline shortly after a commercial crabbing season was opened in 1977, officials say.

Now, however, preliminary signs are the crab stocks are building, he says.