

D2 CRAB CONSERVATION DRAFT WORKPLAN

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INTRODUCTION

- In October 2022, the Council identified the Bristol Bay red king crab (BBRKC) and Eastern Bering Sea (EBS) snow crab stocks as a priority conservation concern
- Workplan drafted by ADF&G as a potential tool to assist in reviewing current management measures and prioritizing possible additional actions to protect crab
- Looking for input on the usefulness of this draft workplan and anything that may be missing or should be revised



WORKPLAN OVERVIEW



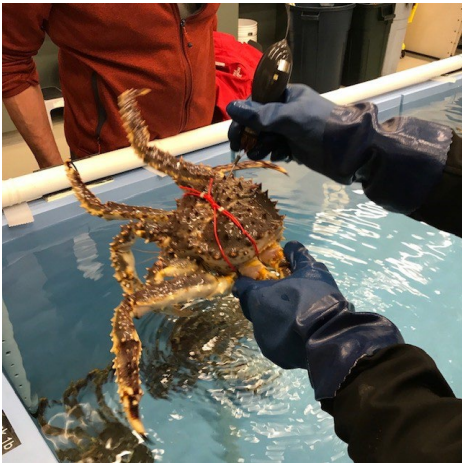
- Incorporates Advisory Panel's October 2022 motion for comprehensive crab management measures, recommendations from the SSC on the BBRKC discussion paper, and information provided from fishery participants.
- Presents potential non-regulatory measures and regulatory measures for Council-managed fisheries to protect BBRKC and EBS snow crab
- Provides current information and potential research that can inform current management measures and assist in development of new management measures.





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- Four categories of potential actions:
 - Non-regulatory measures
 - Closed areas (static and dynamic)
 - Align management boundaries
 - Improve bycatch management



NEXT STEPS

- Looking for input from the Council and public on the usefulness of this draft workplan and anything that may be missing or should be revised
- If the Council determines that this draft workplan is useful, it could suggest revisions and request review from the CPT and SSC for input on the scope, feasibility, and utility of the relevant information and research to inform actions presented in the workplan



Questions?

