



C1 BSAI Crab Specifications

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Action Memo

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Action Required:

1. EBS Snow Crab – Specify OFL/ABC for 2021/22
2. Bristol Bay Red King Crab – Specify OFL/ABC for 2021/22
3. EBS Tanner Crab – Specify OFL/ABC for 2021/22
4. Saint Matthew Blue King Crab, Pribilof Island Red King Crab – Specify OFL/ABC for 2021/22
5. Crab Plan Team Report for the October 2021 meeting – review
6. Review/Approve final SAFE Report

BACKGROUND

The Crab Plan Team met online from September 13-16, 2021 to review final 2021 stock assessments for eastern Bering Sea (EBS) Snow Crab, Bristol Bay Red King Crab (BBRKC), EBS Tanner Crab, and recommend OFLs and ABCs for these stocks ([Crab Plan Team eAgenda](#)) The CPT also recommended an OFL and ABC for Saint Matthew Blue King Crab (SMBKC) and Pribilof Island Red King Crab (PIRKC) for 2021/22 based on the previous year's assessment. The 2021 BSAI Crab SAFE Introduction and the assessment chapters for Snow crab, BBRKC, and Tanner crab as well as proposed models for Norton Sound Red King Crab (NSRKC) are attached.

The Team addressed several additional issues at this meeting, including

- Model scenarios to be reviewed by the CPT in January 2022 for the NSRKC stock assessment.
- Overfishing updates for western Aleutian Island Reg King Crab (WAIRKC), Pribilof Island Golden King Crab (PIGKC), Pribilof Island Red King Crab (PIRKC), Pribilof Island Blue King Crab (PIBKC), and Aleutian Island Golden King Crab (AIGKC)
- Summer trawl survey results, 2020 fishery summary, Ecosystem Status Reports, Ecosystem and Socio-economic Profiles (ESP) for Snow crab and BBRKC, Climate science regional action plans (RAP) for EBS and Arctic, Bering Sea Fishery Research Foundation (BSFRF) survey update, Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers (ABSC) survey update, GMACS modeling planning, and review of comments on the SSC workshop on risk tables.

The full Crab Plan Team Report for the October 2021 meeting is attached.