



C6 Crab FMP Housekeeping Amendment

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Action Memo

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- Action Required:
1. Review analysis of proposed housekeeping FMP amendment to the BSAI King and Tanner Crab (KTC) FMP
 2. Final recommendation on proposed amendment

BACKGROUND

The BSAI KTC FMP has been due for a housekeeping amendment to update out-of-date descriptive material and improve the organizational structure of the document. With this proposed amendment, the FMP would be revised to incorporate the best available science on crab stocks and the fishery, and improve the organizational flow of the FMP. The amendment does not propose any substantive changes to management of the BSAI crab fishery, and maintains the initial intent of the FMP. A comprehensive list of changes made is provided in Appendix A to the document.

In practical terms, adopting the amendment would replace the entire FMP with the amendment's revised language. There are, however, several other proposed BSAI KTC FMP amendments that the Council is also considering concurrently with this proposed action in December 2023. Should the Council choose to move forward with those actions in addition to the housekeeping amendment, staff will closely track the implementation of the various amendments, and their sequencing, to ensure that regardless of which is implemented first, both the substantive and the housekeeping amendments adhere to the Council's intent.