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C2 BSAI Crab

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Action Memo

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Action Required:

1. Norton Sound Red King Crab - Specify OFL/ABC for 2023
2. Review Crab Plan Team Report; update on Crab Modeling Workshop
3. Review Plan Team feedback on prioritizing crab conservation actions

Background

The Crab Plan Team (CPT) met in a hybrid format from January 17-20, 2023, in Anchorage, AK to review the final 2023 stock assessment for Norton Sound red king crab (NSKRC) and to recommend OFLs and ABCs for this stock ([Crab Plan Team eAgenda](#)). The 2023 BSAI Crab SAFE for NSRKC, NSRKC SAFE intro, and the Crab Plan Team Report are attached.

The Team addressed several additional issues at this meeting, including

- Model scenarios to be reviewed by the CPT in May 2023 for the AIGKC and PIGKC stock assessment.
- Crab Conservation Prioritization request from the Council ([December 2022 motion](#)).
- The 2023 Economic SAFE, BSFRF update, snow crab rebuilding update, and several research updates.