


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council and AP Members
FROM: Chris Oliver 
Executive Director
DATE: September 23, 2013
SUBJECT: BSAI Crab SAFE Report

ESTIMATED TIME 2 HOURS

ACTION REQUIRED

- (c) Approve catch specifications/approve BSAI Crab SAFE Report

BACKGROUND

The Crab Plan Team met September 17-20 to review draft BSAI Crab stock assessments and provide recommendations for OFL and ABC for 7 of the 10 stocks. There are 10 crab stocks in the BSAI Crab FMP and all 10 must have annually established OFLs. Three stocks (AI golden king crab, Pribilof Island golden king crab and Adak red king crab) had OFLs and ABCs recommended in the spring. The remaining stocks will have OFLs and ABCs recommended at this meeting. Specifications for the Norton Sound red king crab stock has been moved to coincide with the fall assessment cycle. The stock assessments for these stocks; as well as the economic summary chapter, were mailed to the SSC and copies are available at the meeting for reference. The Introduction to the Crab SAFE containing the CPT recommended OFLs and ABCs is attached as Item C-3(a). The CPT Report containing additional recommendations, and minutes from the September CPT meeting are attached as Item C-3(b).