

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Chris Oliver  
Executive Director

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ESTIMATED TIME  
2 HOURS

DATE: May 28, 2013

SUBJECT: BSAI Crab Management

**ACTION REQUIRED**

- (a) Receive Crab Plan Team report
- (b) Set final OFL/ABC specifications for 4 crab stocks

**BACKGROUND**

The Crab Plan Team met in Anchorage from April 30-May 3rd to review stock assessment issues and approaches and to provide recommendations for OFL and ABC specifications for 4 of the 10 crab stocks covered by the BSAI Crab FMP. Recommendations and discussions on issues and model formulations for other stocks and additional Crab Plan Team agenda topics are included in the CPT Report. The Crab Plan Team Report is attached as Item C-1(a). There are 10 crab stocks in the BSAI Crab FMP and all 10 must have annually established OFLs. Six of the ten stocks will have OFLs and ABCs established in the fall following the summer survey information availability. Two of the ten stocks (Norton Sound red king crab and AI golden king crab) have OFL and ABC recommendations put forward at this time in order to have approved OFLs and ABCs prior to the summer fisheries for these stocks. The remaining two stocks (Adak red king crab and Pribilof Islands golden king crab) have OFLs recommended based on Tier 5 formulation (average catch) and OFLs and ABCs are recommended in the spring. The draft sections of the SAFE report introduction contain the OFL and ABC recommendations for these stocks. This document was mailed to you on May 20<sup>th</sup> and is attached as Item C-1(b).