


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council and AP Members
FROM: Chris Oliver 
Executive Director
DATE: March 23, 2011
SUBJECT: BSAI crab issues

ESTIMATED TIME 8 HOURS (ALL C-4 ITEMS)
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ACTION REQUIRED

Finalize alternatives for analysis.

BACKGROUND

At its October 2010 meeting, the Council received a report from staff concerning the development of alternatives to revise the crab Economic Data Reports (EDR) to improve the accuracy and efficiency of data reported in that program. Based on this report, public testimony, and its experience with the data collection initiatives, the Council requested staff to prepare a discussion paper that could be used to finalize alternatives for an amendment package to revise the crab EDR. The Council specifically requested staff to develop four alternatives to the status quo using the following structure:

- 1) critical operational components by individual crab fishery,
- 2) critical operational components from all crab fisheries (aggregated across all crab fisheries),
- 3) critical operational components from all fisheries (aggregated across all fisheries), and
- 4) all operational components by individual crab fishery (similar to current data collection program).
(updated status quo)

The discussion paper (without its attachments) is attached as **Item C-4(b)(1)**.