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Dan Hull, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
BSAI Crab Rationalization 10-Year Review

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ACTION REQUIRED:
10-year review of the BSAI crab rationalization management program.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the initial development of the BSAI crab rationalization (CR) program, the Council established requirements for a series of standardized and comprehensive program reviews. A preliminary 3-year review of the CR Program was first available in 2008, and a more extensive 5-year review of the program was made available in 2010. This attached review investigates the CR Program after 10 years of management.

The scope of this review was established with input from the Council process provided from the Advisory Panel and the Council in February 2015 and the Scientific and Statistical Committee in April 2015. The organization of the document mimics that of the 3 and 5 year program reviews for continuity and additional opportunities for comparison, augmented with additional data that falls within the requested guidance of the Council and its advisory bodies. In general, Council members were looking for a broad evaluation of the program. They were hoping the review would provide them with a basic illustration of the dynamics within the CR Program, understanding it would not be an exhaustive study of every issue that has been addressed throughout the CR Program history.

The review includes 3 appendices:

- Appendix A (with an executive summary): BSAI Crab Rationalization Ten-Year Program Review Social Impact Assessment; prepared by Mike Downs and Stev Weidlich of Northern Economics.
- Appendix B: Community Fisheries Engagement Indices throughout the BSAI Rationalization Program; prepared by Stephen Kasperski of AFSC, Zachary Koehn of PSMFC, and Amber Himes-Cornell of Université de Bretagne Occidentale
- Appendix C: Assessment of Safety in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island Crab Fleet; prepared by Devin Lucas, Samantha Case, Samantha Case, Alexis DeLeon, Dimitreus Kloczko of NIOSH.

There are a number of ways Council can respond to the review. If it determines the review is sufficient as is or with minor edits, the Council may approve the document. If there are other pieces of information that are critical to assess the program that are not included or need to be amended, the Council can direct staff to prepare another draft and return for additional review. If, based on Council discussion, testimony from public,

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and/or recommendation from advisory bodies, there are specific areas of the program that the Council determines warrants further action, the Council may consider investigating issues for action in the form of a discussion paper or amendment analysis.