

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members  
FROM: Chris Oliver <sup>DO</sup><sub>for</sub>  
Executive Director  
DATE: September 29, 2009  
SUBJECT: Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab issues

ESTIMATED TIME 10 HOURS (all C-4 items)
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**ACTION REQUIRED**

- (a) Identify preliminary preferred alternative for exemption from regional delivery requirement

**BACKGROUND**

At its June 2009 meeting, the Council received a staff report summarizing the status of an analysis of alternatives for providing an exemption to regional landing requirements in the event that compliance with those requirements is prevented by unavoidable circumstances. The exemption is intended to address safety risks, potential loss of resource (through excessive deadloss), and extreme economic hardships that may arise if deliveries under regional landing requirements applicable to Class A individual fishing quota (IFQ) are delayed or prevented by extreme ice conditions or other uncontrollable circumstances. To avoid potentially insurmountable administrative burdens, the alternatives would establish a system of civil contracts between harvesters, processors, and regional representatives, as the means of defining the exemption. The Council received an analysis of alternatives at its February 2009 meeting. At that time, the Council requested stakeholders to propose revisions to alternatives to address concerns raised in public testimony. At this meeting, stakeholders had preliminary suggestions concerning possible revisions, but failed to reach any consensus concerning changes to the alternatives. As a result, the Council took no action on this matter, but strongly urged stakeholders to exercise their collective best efforts to arrive at a consensus recommendation for a preliminary preferred alternative prior to this meeting. Industry will present a report of its progress to date.

- a) Emergency relief
- b) ROFL
- c) WAG review
- d) SNR

# PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP SHEET

(Items A-D)

Agenda Item: C-4 (a-d) ~~BSAI Crab~~ - BSAI CRAB

AS A GROUP

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF:
1	Joe Sullivan, <del>Steve Minor</del>	ICEPAC, NPCA, Str Paul,
2	Heather McCarty, Everett	APICDA, Dutch Harbor,
3	Anderson, <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	and
4	<del>Katharine McCallister (Hoy)</del> C4(a)	
5	MIKE STANLEY	GOLDEN KING CRAB HARVESTERS ASSN
6	LARRY COTTON	APICDA / Axman Corp.
7	DICK TIEMME	NSFDC
8	DAVE FRASER	ADAK Comm. DEV. CORP.
9	Steve Minor	NPCA
10	Dariusz Kuszczak C4-B	FLUMAKO FU Kaberna
11	Frank Kelly <del>Katharine</del> Katharine McCallister	City of UNALASKA
12	Mateo Paz-Soldan C4-B	St Paul Island entities
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