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C2 BSAI Crab Specifications

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Action Memo

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Action Required: 1. Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab – Specify OFL/ABC for 2020/21

2. Pribilof Islands Golden King Crab – Specify OFL/ABC for 2021

3. Western Aleutian Islands Red King Crab - Specify OFL/ABC for

2020/21 - 2022/23

4. Review BSAI Crab Plan Team Report

BACKGROUND

The Crab Plan Team met online from May 4-7, 2020 to review the stock assessments for Aleutian Islands golden king crab (AIGKC), Pribilof Islands golden king crab (PIGKC) and Western Aleutian Islands red king crab (WAIRKC) to recommend OFLs and ABCs for these stocks (CPT Meeting Agenda). The SAFE report introductions for AIGKC, PIGKC, and WAIRKC, as well as the assessment chapters themselves, are attached.

The Team also reviewed several additional issues at this meeting, including

- Model discussions and scenarios for final assessments in September for:
 - o Bristol Bay red king crab
 - o Pribilof Islands red king crab
 - o Eastern Bering Sea snow crab
 - o Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab
 - o St Matthew blue king crab
- Contingency planning for interruption of the summer trawl survey, GMACS development and application, VAST model use for crab stocks, BSFRF survey selectivity, developing ESPs for crab stocks, crab PSC, BOF decisions on Tanner crab harvest strategy, and incorporation of LK/TK inputs for the NSRKC assessment.

The full report from the Crab Plan Team is attached.