



C2 BSAI Crab Specifications – Norton Sound Red King Crab

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Action Memo

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Action Required: 1. Norton Sound Red King Crab – Specify OFL/ABC for 2020
2. Crab Plan Team Report for the January 2020 meeting – review

BACKGROUND

The BSAI Crab Plan Team met January 14-17, 2020 in Kodiak ([Meeting Agenda](#)) to review the stock assessment for Norton Sound red king crab (NSRKC) and recommend OFL and ABC for 2020 for SSC and Council approval. The Final 2020 NSRKC SAFE chapter and Intro section are attached. The SSC will also provide a response to draft model scenarios for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab assessment, which will be finalized at the May Crab Plan Team meeting, for SSC and Council review in June.

At the January meeting, the Team also reviewed the following issues:

- Updated crab fishery catches and bycatch
- Review of ESP development for crab stocks
- An update on the Bering Sea FEP
- Saint Matthew blue king crab – update on rebuilding planning
- Development of a spatial model for snow crab
- Overview of the ADFG crab observer program
- Crab research priorities
- Crab research at the Kodiak Fisheries Research Center and a facilities tour
- A GMACS workshop for crab assessment authors ([Agenda](#))

The full report from the Crab Plan Team is attached. Please note also that the economic fishery evaluation that is part of Crab SAFE report will be reviewed at this meeting under Council Agenda Item D7.