

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members
FROM: Chris Oliver *DO*
Executive Director *FOR*
DATE: March 19, 2013
SUBJECT: BS and AI Pacific Cod ABC/TAC

ESTIMATED TIME 16 HOURS (All C-3 a, b, c items)

ACTION REQUIRED

Review discussion paper

BACKGROUND

In December 2012, the Council requested a discussion paper on the implications of pending SSC action to set separate ABCs in 2014 for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pacific cod, particularly in the context of current alternatives in the Steller sea lion EIS. The Council, also concerned with shoreside processing protections in context of the Steller sea lion EIS, requested the discussion paper include an updated summary of the December 2009 AI Pacific cod processing sideboard analysis. The discussion paper is attached as Item C-3(c)(1).