



C4 Changes to Economic Data Reporting Requirements for Groundfish and Crab

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Action Memo

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Action Required: Initial Review Draft – review

BACKGROUND

This Regulatory Impact Review (RIR) examines the benefits and costs of proposed fishery management Plan (FMP) and regulatory amendments affecting Economic Data Reporting (EDR) programs in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) crab fisheries, the BS American Fisheries Act (AFA) pollock fishery, the BSAI Amendment 80 fisheries, and the GOA trawl fisheries. The action Alternatives, analyzed in this RIR would potentially (1) revise authorizations for third party data verification audits, (2) eliminate blind data formatting, (3) standardize data aggregation procedures, and (4) remove the GOA Trawl EDR requirements. These potential actions are all amendments to mandatory annual census reporting requirements intended to improve the usability, efficiency, and consistency of the data collection programs and to minimize cost to industry and the Federal government.

The analysts have also included an appendix to the RIR showing a redline/strikeout version of proposed FMP and regulatory language that could result from the alternatives considered, including staff mark-up comments that are intended to be viewed by the Council and the public.