

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council and AP Members
FROM: *DO*
Chris Oliver
Executive Director
DATE: September 29, 2010
SUBJECT: BSAI crab issues

ESTIMATED TIME
3 HOURS
ALL D-1 ITEMS

ACTION REQUIRED

Review data collection discussion paper.

BACKGROUND

At its February 2010 meeting, the Council received a report from staff suggesting a process to review the crab Economic Data Reports (EDR) to improve the accuracy and efficiency of data reported in that program. Based on this recommendation, public testimony, and its experience with the data collection initiative for Chinook prohibited species catch (PSC) measures, the Council requested staff to prepare a discussion paper that it could use to develop an amendment package to revise the crab EDR. The Council requested staff to discuss the original purposes for the data collection, the accuracy, cost, and utility of the data collection, and to develop a suite of alternatives for the data collection program revisions. A copy of the staff discussion paper is attached as Item D-1(b)(1).