



# **D2 Crab Conservation Draft Workplan**

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## **Action Memo**

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Action Required: 

1. Review draft workplan
2. Revisions to draft
3. Consider requesting review from SSC/ CPT or other action

## **BACKGROUND**

In October 2022, the Council passed a motion<sup>1</sup> which identified the BBRKC and Eastern Bering Sea snow crab stocks as a priority conservation concern. The motion highlighted several actions the Council supported including regulatory and non-regulatory efforts to address these stocks at this time of critical concern. In addition, ADF&G expressed intent to organize some of the recommended management measures into a draft workplan for further Council consideration.

Therefore, the attached draft workplan was prepared as a tool to assist Council in possible next steps for addressing BBRKC and snow crab conservation concerns. This draft workplan outlines potential conservation and management action that may be considered, including non-regulatory measures, potential area closures, potential changes to management boundaries, and potential changes to bycatch management. Council members and the public may comment on this proposed workplan which categories these types of changes. If it is identified as a useful tool, the workplan, along with any revisions may be forwarded to the CPT and SSC for input on the scope, feasibility, and utility of the relevant information and research to inform action presented in the workplan.

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<sup>1</sup> October 2022 Council motion on crab actions:  
<https://meetings.npfmc.org/CommentReview/DownloadFile?p=1f631d76-5e1f-4d3b-b36c-fa0509c60972.pdf&fileName=D2%20Council%20Motion%20BBRKC.pdf>