

Draft Council motion
E1 Staff Tasking – RKC Savings Area expansion
October 15, 2021

The Council requests an analysis on the likely impacts of expanding the Red King Crab Savings Area through emergency rule to shift the northern boundary from 57° 00.0' N to 57° 30.0' N. This analysis should assess the immediate conservation benefits for female red king crab and whether an emergency rule would improve the likelihood of a directed red king crab fishery in the following year consistent with NOAA's emergency rule criteria. The analysis should include an evaluation of impacts this closure may have on red king crab and other PSC species and harvests of groundfish species to the extent possible and as needed to inform the Council.