

**C1 Eastern Bering Sea snow crab rebuilding
Council Motion
February 9, 2023**

The Council recommends Alternative 2, Option 2 as the preferred alternative for final action as indicated below. Changes from the December motion are indicated in strikethrough and underline.

Alternative 2: Adopt a rebuilding plan and set a target rebuilding time frame of six years ~~for the number of years necessary to rebuild the stock to the B_{MSY} level at a probability of $\geq 50\%$.~~ The stock will be considered “rebuilt” once it reaches B_{MSY} .

Option 2: Allow bycatch removals and the directed fishery to open based on the state harvest strategy while the stock is rebuilding.

The Council recommends removing from the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Fishery Management Plan for King and Tanner Crabs rebuilding programs that have since been rebuilt or replaced. These include BS Tanner crab (declared overfished March 3, 1999), BS snow crab (declared overfished September 24, 1999), and St. Matthew blue king crab (declared overfished September 24, 1999).