

Draft SSC Report December 2022



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- The SSC received a presentation on the draft snow crab rebuilding analysis and appreciated the improvements based on previous comments.
- The SSC **supports** the proposed rebuilding parameters ($T_{\min} = 6$ years and $T_{\max} = 10$ years), noting that the actual rebuilding time may be much longer dependent on ecosystem conditions and actual recruitment.
- The SSC **finds** the document sufficient to advance to final action and allow the Council to evaluate the impacts of the alternatives, pending some revisions and additions.

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- The SSC **suggests** additional calculation of habitat disturbance that excludes the northern Bering Sea (outside the currently assessed stock area), and also evaluation of disturbance in areas with identified higher abundance of the smallest size classes.
- The SSC **supports** the CPT recommendation to report a projected catch series during the rebuilding period and to use these catches as the basis for evaluation of the potential magnitude of the fishery and potential socioeconomic impacts.
- Recognizing the differences in reference points used by the State and federal processes, the SSC **suggests** additional description of the terms used, and the differences between the processes.

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- The SSC acknowledged the robust social impact assessment as part of the plan, and
 - **requests** clarification of the next steps that would be appropriate when use of the Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge and Subsistence search engine do not produce specific results
 - highlighted the utility of the inclusion of LK information developed by industry
 - noted the innovation in development of table pairs that highlight snow crab dependency in the context of co-occurring changes in other crab fisheries
 - **requests** inclusion of additional information on the status of fishing communities, especially with regard to the 2021/22 fishing season.