

C2 BSAI Crab Harvest Specifications

AP Motion

The AP recommends the Council adopt the 2026 Crab SAFE Report, as well as the 2026-27 OFL and ABC as recommended by the SSC for Bristol Bay Red King Crab, EBS Tanner Crab, EBS Snow Crab, and the 2026-27 and 2027-28 OFL and ABC as recommended by the SSC for St. Matthew Island Blue King Crab, and lastly, the rollover of OFL/ABC for Western Aleutian Islands red king crab for the year 2026-27.

Motion passes 17-0

Rationale in Support of Main Motion

- *The AP thanked both the CPT and SSC for their diligence and work to prepare these recommendations.*
- *The AP also showed appreciation to the CPT and SSC for their recognition of the continued high abundance of hybrids in this year's trawl survey and the challenges they continue to create. The AP also acknowledged the challenges of these hybrids in the assessment and research, but that there are also opportunities for increased harvest and economic value back to industry and the importance for continued discussion of next best steps.*