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C2 BSAI Crab Harvest Specifications

June 2024 Council Meeting

Action Memo

| Council Staff: | Sarah Rheinsmith |
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| Other Presenters: | Katie Palof, (ADF&G, Crab Plan Team Co-Chair), Dr. Mike Litzow (AFSC, Crab Plan Team Co-Chair) |
| Action Required: | Specify OFL/ABC for Aleutian Islands golden king crab for 2024/2025 Review the Crab Plan Team Report from the May 2024 meeting, action as necessary |

BACKGROUND

The BSAI Crab Plan Team (CPT) met in a hybrid format from May 14-16, 2024 in Anchorage, AK and virtually, to review the final 2024 stock assessment fishery evaluation (SAFE) report for Aleutian Islands golden king crab, and to recommend OFL and ABC for the stock (<u>CPT Meeting Agenda</u>).

The Team addressed several additional issues at this meeting, including:

- Model scenarios to be reviewed by the CPT in September for final 2024 stock assessments:
 - Eastern Bering Sea snow crab
 - Bristol Bay red king crab
 - Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab
 - Saint Matthew blue King Crab
- Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Profiles (ESP) updates and a Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation (BSFRF) research update.

The full report from the Crab Plan Team is attached.