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C2 BSAI Crab Harvest Specifications

June 2026

Action Memo

- Staff: Anita Kroska
- Other Presenters: Katie Palof (ADF&G, Crab Plan Team Co-Chair), Dr. Mike Litzow (NMFS, Crab Plan Team Co-Chair)
- Action Required:
1. Specify OFL/ABC for Aleutian Islands golden king crab for 2025/26
 2. Specify OFL/ABC for Pribilof Islands golden king crab through 2028/29
 3. Review the Crab Plan Team Report from the May 2026 meeting

A. BACKGROUND

The Crab Plan Team (CPT) met virtually from May 11-15, 2026 to review the final 2026 stock assessment fishery evaluation (SAFE) report for Aleutian Islands golden king crab (AIGKC), to review the final 2026 SAFE report for Pribilof Islands golden king crab (PIGKC), and to recommend OFL and ABC for both stocks ([CPT Meeting Agenda](#)). The 2026 AIGKC Crab SAFE Introduction and assessment chapter, the 2026 PIGKC Crab SAFE Introduction and assessment chapter, and the Crab Plan Team Report are posted to the eAgenda.

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

- Model scenarios to be reviewed by the CPT in September for final 2026 stock assessments:
 - Eastern Bering Sea snow crab
 - Bristol Bay red king crab
 - Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab
 - St. Matthew Island blue king crab
- Model scenarios to be reviewed by the CPT in November for final 2026 stock assessment:
 - Norton Sound red king crab
- Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Profile (ESP) updates
- Risk table approach and table template
- Hybrid crab topics
- GMACs short report
- Feedback on Scallop Plan Team recommendations to work with or merge with CPT
- SAFE Guidelines updates
- Several research updates, including: snow crab size at maturity, skipper survey development, BSFRF activities, NOAA trawl survey maturity workflow updates, Tanner crab MSE development, and BBRKC fisheries overlap