



C2 BSAI Crab Harvest Specifications

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Action Memo

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Action Required: 1. Specify OFL/ABC for Aleutian Islands golden king crab for 2025/26
2. Review the Crab Plan Team Report from the May 2025 meeting

BACKGROUND

The BSAI Crab Plan Team (CPT) met virtually from May 12-15, 2025 to review the final 2025 stock assessment fishery evaluation (SAFE) report for Aleutian Islands golden king crab (AIGKC), and to recommend OFL and ABC for the stock ([CPT Meeting eAgenda](#)). The 2025 AIGKC Crab SAFE report Introduction, Crab Plan Team Report, and the AIGKC assessment chapter are posted to the eAgenda.

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

- Model scenarios for final 2025 stock assessments to be reviewed by the CPT in September:
 - Eastern Bering Sea snow crab
 - Bristol Bay red king crab
 - Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab
 - Pribilof Islands red king crab
 - Pribilof Islands blue king crab
- Model scenarios for final 2025 stock assessment to be reviewed by the CPT in November:
 - Norton Sound red king crab
- ESP updates, draft Tanner crab ESP, and crab risk table standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Model-based survey indices progress for EBS Tanner crab, EBS snow crab, and red king crab
- Feedback for ongoing work toward NMFS EBS survey modernization
- BSFRF research updates
- Climate readiness updates and information on the upcoming Harvest Control Rule (HCR) workshop
- Model diagnostics guidelines (jittering) for September assessments
- NOAA trawl survey data processing updates