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C7 BSAI Crab Harvest Specifications

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Action Memo

Council Staff:	Anita Kroska
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Action Required:	1. Specify OFL/ABC for Norton Sound red king crab for 2027 2. Review the Crab and Scallop Plan Team Report from the November 2026 meeting

BSAI Crab Specifications and Plan Team Report

The Crab and Scallop Plan Team (CSPT) met virtually on November 5, 2026 to review the final 2027 stock assessment for Norton Sound red king crab (NSRKC) and recommend an OFL and ABC (Crab and Scallop Plan Team eAgenda). The NSRKC Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Crab Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report Introduction chapter, final SAFE Report, and CSPT Report are attached.

The Team addressed other issues at the meeting including:

- Model scenarios for the final 2027 Aleutian Islands golden king crab (AIGKC) stock assessment to be reviewed by the CSPT in April 2027.
- Document guidelines for off-cycle SAFE Reports and for proposed models reports.
- Tentative topics for review at the January 2027 modeling workshop, including: GMACS updates (general and Tanner crab specific), snow crab items (convergence with a male only model and simplification process, and other analyses if there is a stable tier 3 model), model-based size compositions, tier 4 model practices, AIGKC combined area M profile, hybrid research updates, plus other topics as needed.
- Tentative topics for the April 2027 CPT meeting, including: AIGKC and WAIRKC final SAFEs, proposed models for NSRKC, snow, Tanner, and BBRKC, GMACS updates, scallop status (off-cycle update), January Modeling Workshop Report, crab research updates, skipper survey updates, ESP updates, risk table debrief, crab Economic SAFE and socioeconomic reporting update, survey modernization update, harvest control rules (HCR) update, SAFE Guidelines, research priorities, and hybrid crab topics.