



## **D2 Best Scientific Information Available (BSIA) Framework**

April 2022 Council Meeting

### **Action Memo**

Council Staff: Dr. Diana Stram  
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Action Required: Review and comment on the draft discussion document (Council and SSC only)

### **BSIA Review**

In 2018, NOAA issued a procedural directive that required each Region to develop a regional Best Scientific Information Available (BSIA) framework that describes how it implements NOAA Fisheries general BSIA framework. The required elements of this framework should include: a timeline, the roles of each partner in the process, and a description of modifications from the general framework (if required). Upon completion, the document should be available to the public. The attached document provides the draft framework for management of groundfish resources in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA), crab resources in the BSAI, and scallop off Alaska (BSAI Groundfish FMP, GOA Groundfish FMP, BSAI Crab FMP, and Scallop FMP). The partners involved in provision of BSIA include the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), the Alaska Regional Office (AKRO), the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC; halibut Discard Mortality Rates, DMRs) and NOAA Fisheries Headquarters. This draft provides an opportunity for review and comment prior to final submission in May 2022.