

Action Memo

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Dan Hull, Chairman Chris Oliver, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Review Methodology for BSAI Crab 10-year Review (SSC only)

ESTIMATED TIME: 2 hours

ACTION REQUIRED:

Provide guidance on the methodological approach for the BSAI crab rationalization 10-year program review

BACKGROUND:

As a part of the initial development of the BSAI crab rationalization program, the Council requested a series of program reviews as a formal and comprehensive way to objectively evaluate how the program is working and identify areas that could be improved. By Council direction, a 10-year review of the BSAI crab rationalization program should be scheduled for 2015. In February 2015, a work-plan was provided to the Council and AP in order to elicit feedback on policy scope and timing of the review. SSC input is necessary in the development of appropriate methods and content within the scope of review established by the Council. Two primary documents will be presented and are included for the SSC's evaluation.

- A work-plan of the proposed BSAI Crab Rationalization 10-year program review: This document is slightly modified from the work-plan presented at the February 2015 Council meeting in order to include Council feedback, place less emphasis on the resources that may guide scope and more emphasis on the specific methods or types of information the work team intends to include.
- 2) A Draft Report of Industry Perception of Measures to Affect Access to Quota Shares, Active Participation, and Lease Rates in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Fisheries. This is a summary report of research conducted by the AFSC.