

C-2 Snow Crab Rebuilding Plan
Council Motion
December 10, 2022

The Council recommends scheduling the analysis for final action with the following preliminary preferred alternative (in bold):

Alternative 1: No Action: State harvest strategy with no rebuilding plan.

Alternative 2: Set target rebuilding time frame for the number of years necessary to rebuild the stock to the B_{MSY} level at a probability $\geq 50\%$. The stock will be considered “rebuilt” once it reaches B_{MSY} .

Option 1: No directed fishing until the stock is rebuilt.

Option 2: Allow the directed fishery to open based on the state harvest strategy while the stock is rebuilding.

Per the SSC recommendations, if possible, the analysts should add: 1) the projected catch during the rebuilding period to inform the evaluation of the potential economic effects; and 2) information on the status of fishing dependent communities through the 2021/22 season and CDQ ownership/participation. The analysis should also address Alternative 1 in the section on expected effects of the alternatives.