The Council will begin a discussion paper that will analyze the changing operational costs of crab IFQ holders and crab IPQ holders and the impacts of such cost changes on the historical distribution of first wholesale revenue that has been divided between crab harvesters and processors.

The analysis should review the current criteria used by the non-binding price formula arbitrator to allow the Council to determine if operational cost changes to the participants in the crab fisheries should be considered in setting the non-binding price formula.