



C3 BSAI Crab Specifications for PIBKC, AIGKC and May CPT Report June 2021

Action Memo

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Action Required: 1. Pribilof Islands blue king crab – Specify OFL/ABC for 2021/22 – 22/23
2. Aleutian Islands golden king crab – Specify OFL/ABC for 2021/22
3. Crab Plan Team Report for the May 2021 meeting – review

BACKGROUND

The Crab Plan Team met online from May 17-20, 2021 to review final 2021 stock assessments for Pribilof Islands blue king crab (PIBKC) and Aleutian Islands golden king crab (AIGKC) and to recommend OFLs and ABCs for these stocks ([CPT Meeting Agenda](#)). The 2021 BSAI Crab SAFE assessment chapters for PIBKC (Ch 5) and AIGKC (Ch 8) and sections of the SAFE Introduction pertaining to those stocks are attached.

The Team addressed several additional issues at this meeting, including

- Model scenarios to be reviewed by the CPT in September for final 2021 stock assessments:
 - Eastern Bering Sea snow crab
 - Bristol Bay red king crab
 - Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab
- Council actions in Feb and April 2021, summer survey planning, use of the VAST model for crab stocks, length-weight analyses, catch standardization, BSFRF snow crab workshop, NSRKC growth study, the research priority review process, GMACS modeling, Crab ABC risk table, EFH 5 year review, and terms of reference for crab SAFE chapters.

The full report from the Crab Plan Team is attached.