

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council and AP Members  
FROM: Chris Oliver *DO*  
Executive Director *for*  
DATE: September 21, 2011  
SUBJECT: BSAI crab issues

ESTIMATED TIME 12 HOURS ALL ITEMS
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**ACTION REQUIRED**

Initial review of revision of crab economic data collection

**BACKGROUND**

Over the course of several meetings, the Council has considered the revision of the crab Economic Data Reports (EDR) to improve the accuracy and reduce the cost of that program and eliminate redundancy with other data collection. Based on discussion papers, reports, public testimony, and its experience with the data collection initiatives, the Council finalized alternatives for an amendment package to revise the crab EDR at its April 2011 meeting. Staff has prepared an analysis of those alternatives, which was mailed to the Council in advance of this meeting. A copy of the executive summary to the analysis is attached as Item C-3(a)(1).