2021 Tanner Crab Stock Assessment

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Overview:

- 2020/21 Federal management
 - OFL: 21,130 t
 - ABC: 16,900 t
 - Total catch mortality: 960 t
 - mostly taken in directed fishery
- ADFG management
 - Eastern Area closed
 - MMB failed to meet threshold
 - Western Area
 - TAC: 1,070 t
 - Retained catch: 660 t
 - 41 vessels participated
 - CPUE: 21





Overview:

Surveys

- 2021 NMFS EBS Shelf Survey Biomass
 - 31,138 t male biomass (+10%)
 - 4,409 t industry-preferred males (-55%)
 - 8,420 t mature female biomass (+77%)
- Concern:
- lots of recent recruitment
- not moving into larger size classes

2021/22 Management

- Based on preferred model (21.22a)
 - Tier 3a (B>B_{MSY}; not overfished)
 - OFL: 27,170 t, ABC: 21,740 t





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SSC & CPT Comments

Comment: The SSC supports the CPT recommended models for September 2021: ...Model 20.07, ...Model 21.22, ... Model 21.22 + pre-specification of growth increments per molt based on external estimates. Response: The models evaluated in this assessment are 20.07, 21.22, 21.24 (21.22 + pre-specification), and 21.22a (21.22 modified to have no parameters at bounds)

Comment: The data may not support so many selectivity parameters. A reduction in the number of selectivity parameters may be needed. Response: Agreed. The preferred model reduces the number of estimated selectivity parameters by 12.

Comment: Evaluate the use of half-normal curves for selectivity rather than logistic functions. Response: Half-normal curves have been adopted in the preferred model to describe selectivity for both sexes in the NMFS EBS Shelf Survey and BBRKC fishery bycatch.

Comment: A small percentage of models converge and it is not clear if the model is converging on a global minimum. Efforts should strive to reduce the number of parameters and minimize the number of parameters hitting bounds. Response: With fewer (or no) parameters at bounds, a much larger percentage of "jittered" runs converged to the MLE in the models considered here.



SSC & CPT Comments

Comment: support for fixing Dirichlet-Multinomial weighting must be rechecked for every new alternative model considered in future assessments to ensure data weighting remains consistent with model fit. Response: This was done for all models employing D-M likelihoods to fit size composition data. The D-M weighting parameter was estimated at an upper bound for all data sources except the BSFRF SBS data. Rather than fixing the relevant D-M parameters, the associated likelihoods were changed to multinomials with no re-weighting.

Comment: Include a rationale if MCMC is used to recommend management advice.

Response: Evaluating the max ABC (defined as the p-star ABC) requires information on the uncertainty in the estimated OFL. Using the "delta" approximation to estimate uncertainty in a complex model can result in biased estimates. MCMC, used in this assessment, can provide a better characterization of model uncertainty (but places a large demand on time and processing resources). Using the delta approximation to determine the p-star ABC is not possible with the Tanner crab model code (the OFL calculations do not use "AD" variables).

Comment: The SSC supports continued exploration of VAST indices within this assessment and research to evaluate optimal methods for addressing changes in index uncertainty in the context of data weighting Response: Optimal methods for weighting VAST indices for this assessment have not been yet been developed. No VAST-based models are considered here.



SSC & CPT Comments

Comment: Create a standard approach for creating priors on selectivity and catchability from the BSFRF/NMFS sideby-side trawl data for use in the respective assessments.

Response: In progress. A substantial amount of work has been done to develop a standard approach, using Tanner crab as a test case. Results were presented at the May 2021 CPT Meeting.

Comment: Modifications to the assessment should be considered to the extent practicable that bridge state-federal disconnects (two-area management, one-area assessment) and facilitate application of the stock assessment to the State's harvest strategy for fishery management. Response: The author supports the ideas for future research outlined in this comment.

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Comment: Develop a standard approach for projecting the upcoming year's biomass that does not include removing the entire OFL for stocks where recent mortality has been substantially below the OFL. Response: This capability has not yet been implemented in the Tanner crab assessment code.



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Retained catch











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NO.

Total catch mortality

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Assessment

- Tier 3 size-structured model
 - Survey data
 - NMFS EBS shelf survey: 1975-present
 - BSFRF side-by-side haul studies
 - Fishery data
 - directed fishery (areas combined)
 - retained catch
 - total catch
 - bycatch in
 - snow crab fishery
 - BBRKC fishery
 - groundfish fisheries
 - Estimates:
 - Annual recruitment
 - Annual numbers-at-size (M,F)
 - mature biomass (MMB, MFB)
 - Determines:
 - F_{msy}, B_{msy}, F_{OFL}, OFL, ABC

Model time frames and data

| vear | 1948 1947 1946 1946 1945 | 1956 1955 1954 1954 1952 1952 1952 1952 1952 | 1959 1958 1957 | 1963 1962 1961 1960 | 1966 1965 1964 | 1969 1968 1967 | 1971 | 1974 1973 1972 | 1976 1975 | 1977 1978 1978 | 1981 | 1983 1982 | 1986 1985 1984 | 1988 | 586L 166L 166T | 1993 1993 | 1995 | 1997 | 1998 1998 | 2001 | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 2020 2019 |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------|-------|--------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| Model | st | vr | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| lineact | | Historical recruitmer | nt (mod | el spin-up) | | | | | Recru | itment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1982- | (termir | nal vea | r-1) fo | r mea | n rec | ruitme | nt | | | | | | | | | | |
| Directed Ta | nner crat | o fishery (TCF) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | _ | |
| retained cat | ch | numbers, biomass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| | | size compositions | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | C | | | | | C | | 0 | | x |
| | | effot (potlifts) | | | | | | | | | | | lose | | | | | | | lose | | | | | lose | | lose | | Drp x |
| total | | numbers, biomass | | | | | | | | | <u> </u> | | ď. | | | | | | | d. | | | | | đ | | đ. | 2 | X |
| catch | | size compositions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Snow crab | fishery (S | CF) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| bycatch | | numbers, biomass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| | | size compositions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| | | effot (potlifts) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| BBRKC fishe | ry (RKF) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| bycatch | | numbers, biomass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | clo | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| | | size compositions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | osec | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| | | effot (potlifts) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Groundfish | fisheries | (GTF) | | | | | | _ | | | | | | | | _ | _ | _ | _ | | | | | _ | | | | | _ |
| bycatch | | biomass (combined | sexes) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| | | size compositions (b | y sex) | | 5 00 0000 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | _ | | | | | | | | | | X |
| NMFS Surve | ey | | | | | | | | | | | | | | _ | | | | _ | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | abundance, biomass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| | | size compositions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X N |
| | | size-weight relation | ships | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X NS |
| | | male maturity ogive | s (chela | height dat I | a) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | G X |
| | | growth data | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | _ | _ |
| BSERF SBS S | urvey | ahundanaa hiamaaa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | abundance, biomass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | size compositions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Changes to Data: Male Maturity Data

- couple of new years
- additional observations

New: Lognormal Fits to Fishery Catch Data

• 20.07: normal likelihood assumes standard deviation is 500 t

| fishery | catch type | time period | CV |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-----|
| | | 1965-1979 | 10% |
| diracted fishery | retained | 1980 | 3% |
| unected fishery | | 1996+ | 1% |
| | total | 1990+ | 20% |
| snow crab | total | 1990+ | 20% |
| BBRKC | total | 1990+ | 20% |
| groundfish | total | 1973 | 20% |

• minimum assumed error: 10 t

New: Normal-based Selectivity Functions

- advantage over logistic functions:
 - always reaches 1
 - intrinsically normalized

New: Tail Compression

can improve statistical stability fitting to size comps with long tails

New: Dirichlet-multinomial likelihood

- Fits to size composition data based on multinomial likelihood frequently exhibit overdispersion
- D-M uses mixed-effects modeling to replace McAllister-lanelli-type tuning

$$\mathcal{L}(\widetilde{\pi}_{t}; \pi_{t}, \theta, n_{t}) = \int \text{Multinomial}(n_{t}\widetilde{\pi}_{t}|\pi_{t}^{*}, n_{t})\text{Dirichlet}(\pi_{t}^{*}|\pi_{t}, \theta)d\pi_{t}^{*}$$
$$= \frac{\Gamma(n_{t}+1)}{\prod_{i=1}^{n_{t}}\Gamma(n_{t}\widetilde{\pi}_{a,t}+1)} \frac{\Gamma(\theta n_{t})}{\Gamma(n_{t}+\theta n_{t})} \prod_{a=1}^{n_{a}} \frac{\Gamma(n_{t}\pi_{a,t}+\theta n_{t}\pi_{a,t})}{\Gamma(\theta n_{t}\pi_{a,t})}$$
$$n_{effective} = \frac{1}{1+\theta} + n_{t}\frac{\theta}{1+\theta}$$

- scaling factor for effective sample size
 - hit upper bound for all size composition data except BSFRF survey data
 - results imply input sample sizes adequate for most data sources

Model Scenarios

- 20.07u: 2020 assessment model, with updated data for 2020/21
- 21.22: CPT/SSC recommended scenario from May Meeting
 - no parameters at bounds in May
 - 5 parameters at bounds with 2020/21 data
- 21.24: CPT/SSC recommended scenario from May Meeting
 - 21.22 + mean growth determined outside model
- 21.22a: Author's preferred model
 - 21.22 + changes necessary to obtain model with no parameters at bounds

Model Processes

| process | time blocks | 20.07 description | 21.22 description | | | | |
|--|-------------|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Population rates and quantities | | | | | | | |
| Population built from annual recruitment | | | | | | | |
| Recruitment | 1949-1974 | In-scale mean + annual devs constrained as AR1 process | no change | | | | |
| | 1975+ | In-scale mean + annual devs | no change | | | | |
| | 1949+ | sigma-R fixed | estimated | | | | |
| Growth | 1949+ | sex-specific | no change | | | | |
| | | mean post-molt size: power function of pre-molt size | no change | | | | |
| | | post-molt size: gamma distribution conditioned on pre-molt size | no change | | | | |
| Maturity | 1949+ | sex-specific | no change | | | | |
| | | size-specific probability of terminal molt | no change | | | | |
| | | logit-scale parameterization | no change | | | | |
| Natural mortalty | 1949-1979, | estimated sex/maturity state-specific multipliers on base rate | no change | | | | |
| | 1985+ | priors on multipliers based on uncertainty in max age | no change | | | | |
| | 1980-1984 | estimated "enhanced mortality" period multipliers | no change | | | | |

Fisheries

| Fishery/process | time blocks | 20.07 description | 21.22 description |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TCF | directed Tanner | crab fishery | |
| capture rates | pre-1965 | male nominal rate | no change |
| | 1965+ | male In-scale mean + annual devs | no change |
| | 1949+ | In-scale female offset | no change |
| male selectivity | 1949-1990 | ascending logistic | no change |
| | 1991-1996 | annually-varying ascending logistic | no change |
| | 2005+ | annually-varying ascending logistic | no change |
| female selectivity | 1949+ | ascending logistic | no change |
| male retention | 1949-1990, 1991- | ascending logistic | no change |
| | 1996, 2005-2009, | | |
| | 2013-2015, 2017, | | |
| | 2018 | | |
| % retained | pre-1988 | 100% | no change |
| | 1991-1996 | estimated | fixed at 100% |
| | 2005-2009 | estimated | fixed at 100% |
| | 2013+ | estimated | fixed at 100% |
| SCF | bycatch in snow | crab fishery | |
| capture rates | pre-1978 | nominal rate on males | no change |
| | 1979-1991 | extrapolated from effort | no change |
| | 1992+ | male In-scale mean + annual devs | no change |
| | 1949+ | In-scale female offset | no change |
| male selectivity | 1949-1996 | dome-shaped (double logistic) | dome-shaped (double normal) |
| | 1997-2004 | dome-shaped (double logistic) | dome-shaped (double normal) |
| | 2005+ | dome-shaped (double logistic) | dome-shaped (double normal) |
| female selectivity | 1949-1996 | ascending logistic | no change |
| | 1997-2004 | ascending logistic | no change |
| | 2005+ | ascending logistic | no change |

Fisheries

| Fishery/process | time blocks | 20.07 description | 21.22 description |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| RKF | bycatch in BBRKC | fishery | |
| capture rates | pre-1952 | nominal rate on males | no change |
| | 1953-1991 | extrapolated from effort | no change |
| | 1992+ | male In-scale mean + annual devs | no change |
| | 1949+ | In-scale female offset | no change |
| male selectivity | 1949-1996 | ascending logistic | ascending normal, asymptote fixed |
| | 1997-2004 | ascending logistic | ascending normal, asymptote fixed |
| | 2005+ | ascending logistic | ascending normal, asymptote fixed |
| female selectivity | 1949-1996 | ascending logistic | ascending normal |
| | 1997-2004 | ascending logistic | ascending normal |
| | 2005+ | ascending logistic | ascending normal |
| GTF | bycatch in ground | dfish fisheries | |
| capture rates | pre-1973 | male In-scale mean from 1973+ | no change |
| | 1973+ | male In-scale mean + annual devs | no change |
| | 1973+ | In-scale female offset | no change |
| male selectivity | 1949-1986 | ascending logistic | no change |
| | 1987-1996 | ascending logistic | no change |
| | 1997+ | ascending logistic | no change |
| female selectivity | 1949-1986 | ascending logistic | no change |
| | 1987-1996 | ascending logistic | no change |
| | 1997+ | ascending logistic | no change |

Surveys

| process | time blocks | 20.07 description | 21.22 description |
|---------------------|-------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Surveys | | | |
| NMFS EBS trawl su | rvey | | |
| male survey q | 1975-1981 | In-scale | no change |
| | 1982+ | In-scale w/ prior based on Somerton's underbag experiment | no change |
| female survey q | 1975-1981 | In-scale | no change |
| | 1982+ | In-scale w/ prior based on Somerton's underbag experiment | no change |
| male selectivity | 1975-1981 | ascending logistic | no change |
| | 1982+ | ascending logistic | no change |
| female selectivity | 1975-1981 | ascending logistic | ascending normal, fixed asymptote |
| | 1982+ | ascending logistic | ascending normal, fixed asymptote |
| BSFRF SBS trawl su | rveys | | |
| male catchability | 2016-2017 | fixed at 1 for all sizes | no change |
| male availability | 2016-2017 | empirically-determined outside the model | no change |
| female catchability | 2016-2017 | fixed at 1 for all sizes | no change |
| female availability | 2016-2017 | empirically-determined outside the model | no change |

Likelihoods

| Commonant | Tyme | included in | Likalihaad | 20.07 | 21.22 | |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Component | туре | optimization | Likelillood | distribution | distribution | |
| | | _ | | _ | | |
| TCF: retained catch | biomass | yes | males only | norm2 | lognormal | |
| | size comp.s | yes | males only | multinomial | no change | |
| | | | | | | |
| TCF: total catch | biomass | yes | by sex | norm2 | lognormal | |
| | size comp.s | yes | by sex | multinomial | no change | |
| | | | | | | |
| SCF: total catch | biomass | yes | by sex | norm2 | lognormal | |
| | size comp.s | yes | by sex | multinomial | no change | |
| | | | | | | |
| RKF: total catch | biomass | yes | by sex | norm2 | lognormal | |
| | size comp.s | yes | by sex | multinomial | no change | |
| | abundance | yes | by sex | norm2 | lognormal | |
| GF All: total catch | biomass | yes | by sex | norm2 | lognormal | |
| | size comp.s | yes | by sex | multinomial | no change | |
| | | | | | | |
| MMFS "M" survey | biomass | yes | all males | lognormal | lognormal | |
| (males only, no maturity) | size comp.s | yes | all males | multinomial | no change | |
| NMFS "F" survey | | | | | | |
| (females only, w/ | biomass | yes | by maturity classification | lognormal | no change | |
| maturity) | size comp.s | yes | by maturity classification | multinomial | no change | |
| | | | | | | |
| BSFRF "M" survey | biomass | yes | all males | lognormal | no change | |
| (males only, no maturity) | size comp.s | yes | all males | multinomial | D-M | |
| BSFRF "F" survey | | | | | | |
| (females only, w/ | biomass | yes | by maturity classification | lognormal | no change | |
| maturity) | size comp.s | yes | by maturity classification | multinomial | D-M | |
| growth data | EBS only | yes | by sex | gamma | no change | |
| male maturity ogive data | EBS only | yes | males only | binomial | no change | |

Empirical availability

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Model Evaluation

| model scenario | number of parameters | objective function value | max gradient | Jitter runs | # runs converged to MLE | scenario description | Number of parameters at bounds |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 20.07 | 349 | 3,429.39 | 0.0003 | 400 | 47 | 2020 assessment model | 11 |
| 20.07u | 355 | 3,619.43 | 0.0001 | 139 | 51 | 2020 asessment model with updated 2020/21 data | 12 |
| 21.22 | 353 | 2,939.77 | 0.0011 | 347 | 313 | CPT/SSC recommended alternative | 5 |
| 21.22a | 346 | 3,132.07 | 0.0001 | | | 21.22 updated to eliminate parameters at bounds | 0 |
| 21.24 | 349 | 3,014.12 | 0.0006 | 360 | 8 | CPT/SSC recommended alternative: 21.22 with growth estimated outside model | 10 |

Overview

| category | process | name | label | 20.07 | 20.07u | 21.22 | 21.24 | 21.22a |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|--|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------------|
| fisheries | fisheries | pLgtRet[1] | TCF: logit-scale max retention (pre-1997) | 1 | 1 | — | _ | _ |
| population processes | growth | pGrBeta[1] | both sexes | 1 | - | _ | -1 | _ |
| | recruitment | pDevsLnR | current recruitment period | — | -1 | -1 | -1 | - |
| selectivity | selectivity | pS1[1] | z50 for NMFS survey selectivity (males, pre-1982) | — | 1 | | — | — |
| | | pS1[17] | z50 for GF.AllGear selectivity (males, 1987-1996) | — | — | _ | 1 | — |
| | | pS1[2] | z50 for NMFS survey selectivity (males, 1982+) | — | — | — | 1 | _ |
| | | pS1[23] | z95 for RKF selectivity (males, 1997-2004) | 1 | 1 | | — | — |
| | | pS1[24] | z95 for RKF selectivity (males, $2005+$) | 1 | 1 | | 3 3 - 2 8 | - |
| | | pS1[25] | size at 1 for RKF selectivity (females, pre-1997) | _ | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| | | pS1[27] | z95 for RKF selectivity (females, $2005+$) | 1 | 1 | | — | — |
| | | pS1[3] | size at 1 for NMFS survey selectivity (females, pre-1982) | — | — | | 1 | — |
| | | pS1[4] | z50 for NMFS survey selectivity (females, $1982+$) | 1 | 1 | | _ | 83 <u>—8</u> 7 |
| | | pS2[10] | ascending slope for SCF selectivity (males, pre-1997) | $^{-1}$ | $^{-1}$ | | _ | _ |
| | | pS2[2] | z95-z50 for NMFS survey selectivity (males, $1982+$) | _ | 1 | 1 | 1 | <u> </u> |
| | | pS2[4] | z95-z50 for NMFS survey selectivity (females, 1982+) | 1 | 1 | | — | _ |
| | | pS2[6] | slope for TCF retention $(1997+)$ | | _ | <u></u> | 1 | _ |
| | | pS3[1] | scaled increment for descending z-at-1 for SCF selectivity (males, pre-1997) | _ | _ | -1 | -1 | _ |
| | | pS4[1] | descending slope for SCF selectivity (males, pre-1997) | -1 | $^{-1}$ | | — | _ |
| | | | descending width for SCF selectivity (males, pre-1997) | — | _ | -1 | -1 | _ |
| surveys | surveys | pQ[1] | NMFS trawl survey: males, 1975-1981 | -1 | $^{-1}$ | | — | _ |
| | | pQ[3] | NMFS trawl survey: females, 1975-1981 | -1 | _ | — | — | - |

Model Evaluation: Missing Survey

- Faked the 2020 survey
- Ran 21.22a with "all" data
- Dropped single survey year sequentially going back to 2016
- "1" represents the true dataset (no 2020 survey)

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Model 21.22a: 21.22 adjusted so no parameters at bounds

- 1. Increased prior on In-scale rec devs
- 2. fixed the following 7 parameters:
- the In-scale parameter determining the recruitment variance
- BBRKC fishery female bycatch selectivity size-at-full selection in the halfnormal function (pre-1997 time block, set to the same value, 140 mm CW, as other time blocks)
- Parameters for snow crab fishery male bycatch double-normal selectivity function (pre-1997 time block):
 - the plateau parameter to 0 (no plateau; same as the other time blocks)
 - the parameter controlling the width of the descending limb (to 1 mm CW)
- NMFS female survey selectivity size-at-full selection to 130 mm CW in both selectivity time periods (1975-1981, 1982+),
- NMFS male survey selectivity size-at-full selection to 180 mm CW (1982+)

Model Evaluation

Incomparable likelihoods:

- 20.07 and all others
- size comps between 20.XX, 21.XX
- fishery catch biomass between 20.XX, 21.XX

Comparable likelihoods:

- NMFS survey biomass
- BSFRF survey biomass
- Growth data
- Maturity data

| | | | | Model Scenarios | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| category | fleet | data type | sex | 20.07 | 20.07u | 21.22 | 21.24 | 21.22a | |
| surveys data | NMFS | biomass | mala | 65.33 | 57.84 | 65.66 | 115.06 | 61.36 | |
| | | n.at.z | male | 411.35 | 455.95 | 385.70 | 400.42 | 405.87 | |
| | | biomass | fomalo | 139.92 | 155.00 | 162.41 | 200.27 | 164.70 | |
| | | n.at.z | Ternale | 330.88 | 338.09 | 293.72 | 289.69 | 293.16 | |
| | SBS BSFRF | biomass | malo | -1.02 | -0.90 | -1.05 | 4.40 | -1.12 | |
| | | n.at.z | male | 153.24 | 152.04 | 289.49 | 284.50 | 290.32 | |
| | | biomass | fomalo | -6.64 | -4.13 | -3.62 | 13.58 | -1.92 | |
| | | n.at.z | Termale | 146.29 | 150.17 | 229.71 | 227.63 | 231.46 | |
| | TCF (RC) | biomass | male | 8.13 | 5.22 | -137.72 | -135.94 | -137.37 | |
| | | n.at.z | male | 55.13 | 56.43 | 52.71 | 47.15 | 54.91 | |
| | TCF (TC) | biomass | female | 9.28 | 0.77 | 67.49 | 64.86 | 66.93 | |
| | | | male | 3.69 | 6.46 | 8.52 | 8.36 | 9.07 | |
| | | n.at.z | female | 13.74 | 15.25 | 12.75 | 12.68 | 12.67 | |
| | | | male | 89.33 | 92.67 | 79.82 | 57.76 | 76.77 | |
| | SCF | biomass | female | 1.91 | 1.92 | 10.94 | 10.92 | 11.01 | |
| | | | male | 16.44 | 16.69 | -21.62 | -20.71 | -21.47 | |
| fisheries | | n.at.z | female | 14.57 | 14.47 | 17.53 | 16.79 | 17.51 | |
| data | | | male | 119.65 | 118.19 | 86.34 | 85.64 | 86.14 | |
| | RKF | biomass | female | 0.06 | 0.06 | 17.31 | 17.88 | 17.23 | |
| | | | male | 25.79 | 25.18 | -40.25 | -39.78 | -40.18 | |
| | | n.at.z | female | 2.91 | 2.96 | 2.23 | 2.25 | 2.24 | |
| | | | male | 70.64 | 70.35 | 33.45 | 35.86 | 33.86 | |
| | GF All | abundance | all sexes | 3.45 | 3.39 | -36.00 | -36.26 | -36.18 | |
| | | biomass | all sexes | 32.03 | 34.07 | -67.43 | -66.86 | -67.54 | |
| | | n.at.z | female | 262.14 | 260.23 | 226.18 | 236.93 | 222.84 | |
| | | | male | 276.68 | 294.87 | 284.14 | 328.70 | 287.35 | |
| growth data | | molt | female | 252.78 | 243.36 | 252.01 | 225.63 | 246.95 | |
| | | increment | male | 296.49 | 281.47 | 287.80 | 234.09 | 282.48 | |
| maturity ogive data | | male maturity ogives | male | 107.27 | 221.22 | 209.82 | 297.17 | 206.49 | |



Fits to Data: Males in Directed Fishery



Fits to Data: Females in Directed Fishery



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Fits to Data: Bycatch in Snow Crab Fishery







Fits to Data: Bycatch in BBRKC Fishery





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Fits to Data: Bycatch in Groundfish Fisheries





Fits to Data: NMFS Survey Biomass



Diagnostic fits to NMFS Survey Abundance



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Fits to Data: Molt Increment Data

Fits to Data: Male Maturity Ogive Data



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Fits to Data: Mean Fishery Catch Size Comps







Fits to Data: Mean Survey Size Comps





Fits to Data: Retained catch





Fits to Data: Retained catch size comps





Fits to Data: Total catch in Directed Fishery





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Fits to Data: Total catch in Directed Fishery





Fits to Data: NMFS Survey Male Size Comps





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Fits to Data: NMFS Survey Male Size Comps



Fits to Data: NMFS Survey Female Size Comps

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2020 2015 2015 2020 0.5 -0.4-0.3-0.3-0.2-0.2-0.1-0.1-2016 2021 2016 2021 0.5-0.4-0.3-0.3-0.2-0.2-0.1-0.1-0.0 2022 size comps 2017 2017 2022 0.5-0.4-0.3-0.2s (0.1-°0.1-2018 2023 2018 2023 0.5-0.4-0.3-0.3-0.2-0.2-0.1-0.1-2019 2024 2019 2024 0.5 -0.4-0.3-0.3-0.2-0.2-0.1-0.1-50 100 150 50 100 150 100 150 100 150 predicted predicted

immature females

mature females





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Fits to Data: NMFS Survey Female Size Comps





Population Results





Population Results





Population Results



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Fishery Estimates

Directed Fishery













Survey Estimates







Retrospective Analysis: 21.22a







Evaluation

| consideration | - | | 20.07u | 21.22 | 21.24 | 21.22a |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| convergence | | | + | + | ~ | + |
| parameters | | | | | | + |
| | | retained catch | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ |
| | biomass | total catch | ++ | + | + | + |
| | | surveys | - | - | | - |
| model fits | size comps | retained catch | + | + | + | + |
| moderms | | total catch | - | - | - | - |
| | | surveys | - | - | - | - |
| | growth data | | | | + | |
| | maturity data | | - | + | | + |
| retrospective | recruitment | | | | | |
| patterns | MMB | | | | | + |



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OFL Calculation

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Average Recruitment Time Frame





- 1982-2019 (terminal year-1)
- same as last year
- 2019 recruitment very low, but fairly consistent with 2021 survey size compositions

MLE Results (21.22a)

- MMB_{2021/22}= 42.78 kt
- B_{MSY.} = 36.27 kt
- F_{MSY} = 1.19
- OFL = 27.20 kt

MCMC Results







ABC Determination



MCMC Results

- MMB_{2021/22.} = 42.57 kt
- B_{MSY.} = 35.94 kt
- F_{MSY} = 1.17
- OFL = 27.17 kt
- p-star ABC = 27.14 kt
- buffer ABC = 21.74 kt (20%)

Buffer recommendation: 20%

- same as last year
- +'s: no parameters at bounds
- -'S
 - missing 2020 survey
 - issues with overestimating large crab
 - overestimating terminal survey biomass



Stock Status





Stock Status

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| Tier 3a | TAC Total | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Not overfished | Voor MSST | |] T22 | Biomass (MMB) | (East - West) | (East + Retain West) Cate | | Catch Mortali | by OFI | ABC |
| No overfiching | 2017/18 | 15 | 15 | <u>(MINID)</u> | 1 12 | 1 | 12 | 2 27 | 25 42 | 20.22 |
| No overnsning | 2017/18 | 15. | 54 | 04.09 | 1.15 | 1. | 15 | 2.57 | 23.42 | 20.33 |
| | 2018/19 | 20. | .54 | 82.61 | 1.11 | 1. | 11 | 1.90 | 20.87 | 16.70 |
| | 2019/20 | 18. | .31 | 56.15 | 0.00 | 0. | 00 | 0.54 | 28.86 | 23.09 |
| | 2020/21 | 17. | .97 | 56.34 | 1.07 | 0. | 66 | 0.96 | 21.13 | 16.90 |
| | 2021/22 | | | 42.57 | | | | | 27.17 | 21.74 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Natural |
| | | | | Cur | rent | | Fo | OFL | Years to | Mortality |
| | Year | Tier | B _{MSY} | M | MB | B / B _{MSY} | (y) | r ⁻¹) de | efine B _{MSY} | (yr ⁻¹) |
| | 2017/18 | 3a | 29.17 | 47. | .04 | 1.49 | 0. | 75 1 | 982-2017 | 0.23 |
| | 2018/19 | 3a | 21.87 | 23. | .53 | 1.08 | 0. | 93 1 | 982-2018 | 0.23 |
| | 2019/20 | 3b | 41.07 | 39. | .55 | 0.96 | 1. | 08 1 | 982-2019 | 0.23 |
| | 2020/21 | 3b | 36.62 | 35. | .31 | 0.96 | 0. | 93 1 | 982-2019 | 0.23 |
| | 2021/22 | 3a | 35.94 | 42. | .57 | 1.18 | 1. | 17 1 | 982-2020 | 0.23* |

*immature: 0.23, females: 0.31, males: 0.30 (Table 40, p. 108)



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Moving forward

- Looking for prioritization on:
 - implement projection capabilities in TCSAM02
 - implement delta approximation in TCSAM02
 - transition to GMACS
- finish BSFRF/NMFS SBS survey selectivity analysis
 - would be helpful to have 2018 BSFRF survey data
- continue exploring ways to simplify model structure
 - start model in 1982
 - drop fits to small-catch bycatch data
- investigate nonparametric approaches to selectivity
- develop model that better reflects State management structure





