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Action Memo

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SUBJECT:
BSAI Crab Management

ACTION REQUIRED:
Receive Crab Plan Team report; Set final OFL/ABC specifications for 3 crab stocks.

BACKGROUND:
The Crab Plan Team (CPT) met in Anchorage from May 4-7 to review stock assessment issues and approaches and to provide recommendations for OFL and ABC specifications for 3 of the 10 stocks.

There are 10 crab stocks in the BSAI Crab FMP and all 10 must have annually established OFLs. Six of the ten stocks will have OFLs and ABCs established in the fall following the summer survey information availability. One of the ten stocks (Norton Sound red king crab, NSRKC) has an OFL and ABC recommendations put forward in February to accommodate the potential timing of the May CDQ fishery opening.

The Pribilof Islands golden king crab, the Western Aleutian Islands (Adak) red king crab, and Aleutian Islands golden king crab OFL and ABC are recommended at this June meeting based on Tier 5 formulation (average catch). Recommendations and discussions on issues and model formulations for other stocks and additional CPT agenda topics are included in the attached CPT Report. The draft sections of the SAFE report introduction contain the OFL and ABC recommendations for these stocks. These documents are attached. The full stock assessment chapter for each of these three stocks are accessible through an attached link to the Crab Plan Team agenda.