

Council Motion
E1 Staff Tasking – Crab
December 15, 2021

Add to the council motion (provided below) from E1 Staff Tasking – Crab of October 15, 2021 a fourth item to be included.

4. Provide the best available information on Bristol Bay red king crab molting/mating annual cycle and how the seasonality of this overlaps with fisheries and the effects these interactions may have.

The Council initiates a discussion paper to:

1. Provide the best available information on bottom contact by pelagic trawl gear and the impact it may have on BBRKC stocks.
2. Evaluate boundaries used for the BBRKC survey, stock assessment, PSC limits, and directed fishery.
3. Summarize mechanisms used in other council managed fisheries to create flexible, responsive spatial management measures for all gear types and how they might be applied to protect BBRKC