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