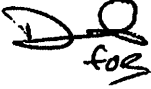


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Chris Oliver   
Executive Director

DATE: March 27, 2013

SUBJECT: Crab modeling report (SSC only)

ESTIMATED TIME 2 HOURS (All D-1 a, b, c, d, e)
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**ACTION REQUIRED**

Crab modeling report (SSC only)

**BACKGROUND**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council sponsored another technical crab modeling workshop February 26-March 1, 2013 in Anchorage, AK to provide feedback to stock assessment authors on issues associated with model development, for the developing Aleutian Islands golden king crab model and the Norton Sound red king crab model. While the focus of the workshop was primarily on these two models, some additional discussion will be held on progress towards development of a generic king crab model as well as data sources (pot surveys etc) for both assessment models. A report from the workshop was emailed to you and is attached as Item D-1(d)(1). Dr. André Punt (chair of the workshop) will be available to present the report.