

## **E Staff Tasking**

### **Council Motion for discussion paper on AI golden king crab issues**

**June 16, 2021**

The Council requests a discussion paper to consider two possible changes to the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery. The discussion paper should:

- 1) Identify potential regulatory or administrative changes that would allow Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab (EAG) and Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab (WAG) IFQ to be issued or fished prior to August 1. Changes could include regulatory changes to the crab fishing year for golden king crab or other administrative or regulatory changes that would allow golden king crab IFQ to be issued or fished earlier in the year. The paper should include potential impacts on other Crab Rationalization program fisheries including cost recovery fees.
- 2) Review current EAG facility use caps and discuss impacts of removing or changing them to recognize custom processing arrangements. The paper should include the history and intent of facility use caps and a discussion of the current processing conditions related to facility use caps in the EAG fishery.