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C1 NSRKC - Set ABC/OFL Specifications

February 2024 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Council Staff: Sarah Rheinsmith

Other Presenters: Katie Palof, (ADF&G, Crab Plan Team Co-Chair), Dr. Mike Litzow

(NMFS, Crab Plan Team Co-Chair)

Action Required: 1. Norton Sound Red King Crab - Specify OFL/ABC for 2024

2. Review Crab Plan Team Report

BACKGROUND

The Crab Plan Team (CPT) met in a hybrid format from January 8-12, 2024, in Anchorage, AK to review the final 2024 stock assessment for Norton Sound red king crab (NSKRC) and to recommend OFLs and ABCs for this stock (<u>Crab Plan Team eAgenda</u>). The 2024 BSAI Crab SAFE report chapter for NSRKC, the NSRKC SAFE report intro, and the Crab Plan Team Report are attached.

The Team addressed several additional issues at this meeting, including:

- Model scenarios to be reviewed by the CPT in May 2024 for the AIGKC stock assessment
- Stock Prioritization and Research Priorities (Research priorities report)
- The 2024 BSAI Crab Economic SAFE report, BSFRF update, and several research updates.