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Action Memo

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Dan Hull, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
Remove WAI RKC Stocks from FMP - Discussion Paper

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ACTION REQUIRED:

BACKGROUND:

At the June 2015 meeting, the Council directed staff to develop a discussion paper on the potential removal of a portion of the Western Aleutian Island Red King Crab (WAI RKC) stock from the BSAI King and Tanner Crab FMP. This followed the second of two requests (the first in April 2013) from the Adak Community Development Corporation (ACDC) to place RKC in the area between 171W and 179W longitude under state-only management. The Crab Plan Team has discussed this issue several times and has identified a number of issues regarding the biological and management implications of removing a portion of the management unit from the FMP. The discussion paper briefly provides background on the proposal by ACDC, an overview of RKC management in the WAI, and finally some of the potential biological and management implications involved in either maintaining the current management structure or amending the FMP to remove the stock.