



## D9 Economic SAFE Reports (SSC only)

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### Action Memo

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Action Required: 1. Review Groundfish Economic SAFE  
2. Review Crab Economic SAFE  
3. Make recommendations as necessary

### BACKGROUND

At this meeting, the SSC will review the Groundfish and Crab Economic SAFE reports as presented by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center's Economic and Social Science Research Division. The Groundfish Economic SAFE report contains detailed information about economic aspects of the groundfish fisheries to include:

- Economic performance indices
- Catch share fishery indicators
- Wholesale product price projections and ex-vessel price projections
- Summary of the community participation in Alaska fisheries
- Amendment 80 fishery economic data report (EDR) summary
- Updated Amendment 91 fishery economic data report (EDR) and vessel master survey summary
- Market profiles for the most commercially valuable species
- Summary of the relevant research being undertaken by the Economic and Social Sciences Research Program (ESSRP) at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), and a
- List of recent publications by ESSRP analysts.

In addition to the annual updates to data and information provided throughout the Economic SAFEs, some sections in the Groundfish SAFE contain new or extensively revised material. Wholesale Market Profiles section was extensively revised as a summary of the forthcoming *Wholesale Market Profiles for the Alaska Groundfish and Crab Fisheries* report. Ex-vessel prices projections were carried out for select fisheries and added to the Alaska Groundfish Price Projections section. The section Community Participation in North Pacific Groundfish Fisheries was extensively revised to address SSC comments. In particular, the analysis now focuses primarily participation in the groundfish fisheries, the set of communities considered has been expanded to include those outside Alaska, and 6 new community sketches were developed for the most highly engaged fishing groundfish communities (Akutan, Dutch Harbor, Homer, Kodiak, Petersburg, and Sitka) provide more detailed, and requested, information on community demographics as well as presenting other data sources more consistently with other data reported in the SAFE.

The Crab Economic SAFE report contains the following economic information for the crab fisheries:

- Production, sales, revenue, and price indices in the harvesting and processing sectors
- Income, employment, and demographics of labor in both harvesting and processing sectors
- Capital and operating expenditures in the crab fishery
- Quota share lease and sale market activity
- Changes in distribution of quota holdings
- Productivity in the harvesting sector
- U.S. imports and exports of king and Tanner crab,
- Price forecasts,
- Performance metrics for catch share programs, and
- Other information regarding data collection and ongoing economic and social science research related to the BSAI crab fisheries and related communities.