



C1 BSAI Crab Specifications

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Action Memo

- Staff: Jim Armstrong (specifications/Crab PT), Diana Stram (rebuilding plan)
- Other Presenters: Katie Palof (ADF&G, Crab Plan Team Co-Chair),
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- Action Required: 1. Norton Sound Red King Crab – Specify OFL/ABC
2. BSAI Crab Plan Team Report – review
3. St Matthew Blue King Crab rebuilding plan – progress report, consider alternatives

BACKGROUND

Norton Sound Red King Crab specifications and Crab Plan Team report

The Crab Plan Team met January 23-25, 2019 to review the stock assessment for Norton Sound red king crab (NSRKC) and recommend OFL and ABC for this stock ([CPT Meeting Agenda](#)). The SAFE report introduction for NSRKC as well as the assessment itself are attached.

The Team also reviewed a number of additional issues at this meeting, including

- Progress on implementation of a generalized stock assessment platform for additional Alaskan crab stocks
- Aleutian Islands golden king crab – model scenarios for the final assessment in June
- Saint Matthew blue king crab assessment development, modifications and rebuilding planning

The full report from the Crab Plan Team is attached.

St Matthew Blue King Crab Rebuilding Plan progress report

A rebuilding plan for the Saint Matthew blue king crab stock is under development. Staff will present a progress report that includes preliminary projections of stock rebuilding under a range of recruitment scenarios and fishing mortality rates, a draft timeline for development of alternatives, and additional items for consideration in the rebuilding plan.