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Action Memo

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Dan Hull, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
Crab Management

ACTION REQUIRED:
Approve catch specifications and BSAI Crab SAFE; receive Plan Team report

BACKGROUND:
The Crab Plan Team met September 14-17, 2015 to review draft BSAI Crab stock assessments and provide recommendations for OFL and ABC for 6 of the 10 stocks. There are 10 crab stocks in the BSAI Crab FMP and all 10 must have annually established OFLs. Four stocks had OFLs and ABCs recommended previously in the 2014 cycle. Norton Sound red king crab specifications are established in February of each year while Aleutian Island golden king crab, Pribilof Island golden king crab and Western Aleutian Island red king crab stocks have specifications established in June.

The remaining stocks will have OFLs and ABCs recommended at this meeting. The stock assessments for these stocks were mailed to the SSC and copies are available at the meeting as needed. The Introduction to the Crab SAFE containing the Crab Plan Team recommended OFLs and ABCs is attached as are Tables 3 4 and 5 from the SAFE introduction with corrected values for some stocks post meeting and a revised set of tables for Pribilof Island Red King Crab. Supplemental tables for Model 0 of the snow crab assessment are attached. The Crab Plan Team Report containing additional recommendations and minutes from the September Crab Plan Team meeting is attached.