



# NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Action Memo

**File Number:**Crab 14-013

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**Eric Olson, Chairman**  
**Chris Oliver, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:**  
Crab Management

**ESTIMATED TIME:**  
2 hours

**ACTION REQUIRED:**  
Receive Crab Plan Team report; Set final OFL/ABC specifications for 3 crab stocks.

**BACKGROUND:**  
The Crab Plan Team met in Juneau from May 5-8 to review stock assessment issues and approaches and to provide recommendations for OFL and ABC specifications for 3 of the 10 stocks. Recommendations and discussions on issues and model formulations for other stocks and additional CPT agenda topics are included in the attached CPT Report. There are 10 crab stocks in the BSAI Crab FMP and all 10 must have annually established OFLs. Seven of the ten stocks will have OFLs and ABCs established in the fall following the summer survey information availability. Two of the ten stocks (Norton Sound red king crab and AI golden king crab) have OFL and ABC recommendations put forward at this time in order to have approved OFLs and ABCs prior to the summer fisheries for these stocks. The Western Aleutian Islands (Adak) red king crab OFL and ABC are recommended based on Tier 5 formulation (average catch). The draft sections of the SAFE report introduction contain the OFL and ABC recommendations for these stocks. This document was mailed to you and is attached.