

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
Sept 29 - Oct 2, 2025 Webinar

C3 BSAI Crab Specs

The AP recommends the Council adopt the 2025 Crab SAFE Report, the 2025/26 OFL and ABC as recommended by the SSC for EBS Snow Crab, Bristol Bay Red King Crab and EBS Tanner Crab, as well as, the 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28, and 2028/29 OFL and ABC for Pribilof Islands Red and Blue King Crab as recommended by the CPT.

Motion passes 18-0

Rationale in Support of Motion

- *The AP thanks the CPT and SSC for their diligence and work to prepare these recommendations.*
- *It is understood that at the time of this motion, the SSC has not yet had the opportunity to review and discuss the CPT report on Pribilof Island Red and Blue King Crab. However, the AP did receive information on the CPT discussions of these stocks. Given the low level of controversy, timing constraints, and the fact overfishing is not occurring for PIRKC and PIBKC, the AP was comfortable making OFL and ABC recommendations for these stocks, noting the Council will have the opportunity and discretion to set the OFL and ABC for all species under consideration at this meeting.*
- *The AP appreciates the CPT and SSC recognition of the abundance of hybrids in this year's trawl survey and looks forward to receiving additional information on how hybrids will be considered in future stock assessments, with the understanding that the SSC recommended stock authors explore model runs that will include the hybrid biomass to determine the best path forward.*