

**C-4(a) Crab Rationalization 18 month review
Council Motion
April 2, 2007**

The Council directs staff to draft a discussion paper analyzing how B shares are being used and whether their uses are consistent with the original intent. A draft of this paper will be prepared by June 2007, for discussions by a BSAI crab advisory committee (see below) and a final draft will be presented to the Council in October 2007.

The Council requests a staff analysis to allow C shares to remain open-access shares, without regional designation and A and B share splits. Analysis needs to be initiated now, or the C shares will defacto become designated to the regions and the 90/10 A/B split will occur automatically at the three year anniversary of the program's implementation. Also, include options in the analysis for extension of the three year sunset date on leasing of C shares and present it at the June meeting.

Additionally, staff is requested to provide a discussion paper in October 2007 concerning legal immunity for the arbitration organizations, arbitrators, and market analysts.

The Council shall appoint a BSAI crab advisory committee to address the draft discussion paper on B shares (see above) and the regulatory issues identified in the 18 month review. The committee will work with staff to make recommendations to the Council in October 2007 on issues such as the elimination of market reports for crab fisheries not likely to open in a given year, to change the 50 day market report requirement for golden king crab to 30 days, to allow timely supplements to the market reports, alternatives to extend the time periods for share matching, and other relevant issues.

C-4(b) – Crab data collection

The Council recommends the processes contained in the paper on BSAI crab Economic Data Collection confidentiality and data quality protocols be followed.