

Council Motion – Arctic Fishery Management Plan
February 5, 2009

Motion: That the Council approve the draft EA/RIR/IRFA for the Arctic FMP and Amendment 29 to the BSAI King and Tanner Crab FMP; adopt Alternative 2, Option 3 as the preferred alternative which includes amendment of the BSAI Crab FMP to terminate its geographic coverage at Bering Strait; adopt the text of the draft Arctic FMP dated January 2009, with revisions recommended by the SSC and the revised management policy, goals and objectives statement recommended by staff; Council intent is to adopt the substance of provisions contained in the draft Arctic FMP text, not the specific language should changes (staff edits for typos, clarifications, formatting, etc.) be necessary before submitting the package for Secretary of Commerce review. The Council deems proposed regulations that clearly and directly flow from the provisions of this motion to be necessary and appropriate in accordance with section 303(c), and therefore the Council authorizes the Executive Director and the Chairman to review the draft proposed regulations when provided by NMFS to ensure that the proposed regulations to be submitted to the Secretary under section 303(c) are consistent with these instructions.

The motion carried unanimously.