

Decision Document – Red Crab Specifications for Fishing Years 2020-2023

ACTION	SSC Recommendation	Other	Rationale
Increase ABC/TAL from 1,775 mt to 2,000 mt for fishing years 2020 through 2023.	SSC recommended increasing the ABC proxy to 2,000 mt of landings consistent with the interim control rule	Supported by industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Positive economic and social benefits – No discernible negative impacts on target or non-target species – No discernible negative impacts on protected resource, the physical environment or EFH
Change the frequency of management specifications from every 3-years to every 4 years.		NRCC recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Until additional information is available for determining stock status there is no basis for changing management reference points more frequently. – The NRCC considered 17 factors in prioritizing stock assessments and assessment cycles within resource constraints. Using this information and input from managers, it determined that a 4-year cycle was the most appropriate for red crab under the new stock assessment process.