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To: Chris Hladick, Bill Homka, Marjorie Veeder, Michelle Price:

From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Re: Fishery Activities Memo, Crab Plan Team agenda, and Fishery Articles for the week ending 1-6-2023.

The BSFRF board of met on Thursday for a research update meeting. We have received new of increase funding on both the state (ADFG) and federal dollars (NOAA) have increased to \$990K total this is the projected total cost of the charters work that will hopefully start in mid-March with two vessels deploying over 140 tags in the Bristol Bay Red King Crab area. There are three parts to this charter 1. Red King Crab sampling sizes, sex, catch per unit effort, in various areas. 2. tagging work placing satellite tags on Red King Crab. 3. Gear work changes on pots by using various mess sizes and escape ring sizes. We must find out from the agencies if there will be funding dollars for the Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation (BSFRF) for the analysis work that the foundation will be working when we analyze the information from the tags. We also discussed how the vessels will be selected for the charters as you can image there is a lot of interest from crab vessels to get this work which could bring in \$250-\$300K for 30 days of work.

Mr. Goodman advised the board on travel planned for January 17-20-2023 to Kodiak for the Crab Plan team meetings then on to the Anchorage to the North Pacific Research Board Marine Science Symposium where Mr. Goodman will be the Keynote speaker addressing the work the BSFRF has done for the past 15 years. The Crab Plan Team Meeting agenda for the four-day meeting is heavy on the modeling workshop and models runs on various crab stocks, and on the Economic Safe report. The Crab Plan team will also be making their final recommendation to the NPFMC SSC on the Snow Crab Rebuilding plan that is up for final action at the February NPFMC meeting in Seattle. The Plan team will also spend the last day of the meeting, on Bristol Bay Red King Crab bycatch distribution models, and on pending crab tagging projects.

Regards

Frank Kelty

Attachments:

1. Fishing Activities Memo
2. Fishery Articles for the week 1-5-23
3. Crab Plan Team Meeting Agenda in Kodiak January 1-17-20-23