

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
February 7-10, 2023 - Seattle, WA

D4 Trawl EM Committee

The Advisory Panel acknowledges the receipt of the Trawl Electronic Monitoring (EM) Committee report and would like to recognize the collaborative work of the committee, which was crucial to the successful implementation of the Pollock Trawl EM EFP.

Additionally, the Advisory Panel recommends the Council accept all of the recommendations from the Trawl EM Committee:

1. The Council should recommend that during the 60-day public comment period for Pollock Trawl EM the Agency should conduct:
 - A public hearing for Alaska in Anchorage or Kodiak.
 - A public hearing in Newport, Oregon.
 - A public hearing in Seattle, Washington.
 - All public hearing meetings shall be hybrid (remote and in-person) if possible.
2. In order to encourage and showcase the collaborative efforts of ongoing work and research on electronic technologies (ET) and EM, the Council should consider organizing an evening activity during an Anchorage Council meeting to present current projects to the public in a concise manner.
3. The Council should specifically identify a priority of cost versus competition in terms of the number of EM service providers, prior to funding decision deadlines in late Fall.
4. The Council should reassess the membership of the Fisheries Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC) to ensure sufficient expertise to address EM issues.
5. The Council should consider the creation of an EM subcommittee or working group to address specific EM projects as needed.

Motion passed 15/0

Rationale in Favor of Motion:

- The recommendation to reassess the FMAC membership is important moving forward as developing projects are considered and would ensure expertise and learned knowledge is transferred forward; and the formation of a broader EM committee will provide the appropriate platform for future EM considerations that may not be Trawl specific.
- The AP communicated that if the Council decides to proceed with an evening activity highlighting EM projects, it would be important to make sure vessel operators and crew who utilize EM participate in the event so that they can share their personal experiences with others.