

**ADVISORY PANEL**  
**Motions and Rationale**  
**January 28-31, 2020 - Anchorage, AK**

**C5     Sculpin/Squid**

**AP Motion**

The AP recommends the Council release the RIR for final review keeping Alternative 2 as the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA).

*Motion passed 22-0*

*Rationale:*

- *This action is the result of a previous Council action that was implemented incorrectly during rulemaking, which resulted in regulation that was inconsistent with the intent of the Council's final action at that time. This action is simply intended to correct that rulemaking.*
- *Previously, there was a full analysis that showed squid met all of the criteria to be an Ecosystem Component species and at that time, the Council chose a preferred alternative that allowed production of retained squid (up to the 20% MRA) consistent with past practice, which included processing product forms other than meal.*
- *Nothing in the proposed action or PPA changes the fact that targeting of squid and sculpins will continue to be prohibited and that these two species will continue to be monitored for trends like any Ecosystem Component species.*
- *There is a direct benefit of this action to those fleets (longline and pot) that use bait for their fisheries. It is best to use squid bycatch for the benefit of those sectors instead of being forced to import product from other places (i.e., Argentina), which has a greater environmental impact.*