C-3 Sculpin/Squid Ecosystem Component Council Motion October 9, 2020

The Council adopts Alternative 2 as its preferred alternative, which is to maintain the designation of squid and sculpin in both the BSAI and GOA FMPs as non-target ecosystem component species (no directed fisheries), with no restrictions on product form for processing incidental harvest of these species. The limitations on maximum retainable amounts and recordkeeping and reporting requirements are not changed.

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).

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.