

## **Agenda Item C-5 Grenadiers**

**(1) Revise the Purpose and Need Statement to read as follows:**

Grenadiers are not included in the BSAI or GOA groundfish FMPs. There are no limits on their catch or retention, and no reporting requirements. However, grenadiers are taken as bycatch, especially in longline fisheries; no other Alaskan groundfish has similar levels of catches that is not included in the FMP. Inclusion in the groundfish FMPs would provide for ~~their~~ precautionary management **of the groundfish fisheries** by, at a minimum, recording the harvest **of grenadiers** and/or placing limits on their harvest.

**(2) Select Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative (Ecosystem Component) in the BSAI and GOA for all grenadier species with the following components:**

- **Establish a separate ecosystem component category for grenadiers in the FMP** (i.e., do not include grenadiers in the forage fish category)
- **Implement regulations for the groundfish fishery that:**
  - **Prohibit directed fishing for grenadiers**
  - **Establish a grenadier maximum retainable amount of 8 percent**
  - **Require record keeping and reporting**
  - **Define grenadier species codes**
  - **Include PRRs as noted in Table 2.1**

**(3) Encourage the Alaska Fisheries Science Center to continue to conduct an informal stock assessment to provide information needed to monitor grenadier status.**