

**ADVISORY PANEL**  
**Motions and Rationale**  
**June 6-8, 2023 - Sitka, AK**

**C1 BSAI Crab Specs**

**Motion 1**

The Advisory Panel reviewed the CPT report and recommends the Council adopt the updated AIGKC, PIGKC, WAIRKC SAFE report, as well as approve the 2023-24 AIGKC, 2023/2026 OFLs and ABCs as recommended by the SSC.

*Motion passed 16/0*

*Rationale in Favor of Motion:*

- *The AP appreciates the effort and work-product provided by the CPT and SSC Motion*

**Motion 2**

The AP recommends the formation of an Unobserved Mortality Workshop in addition to the SSC/Council recommended Working Group to address unobserved mortality with the following objectives:

1. Incorporate unobserved mortality estimates into BSAI crab stock assessments as recommended by the SSC and Council and
2. Assess unobserved mortality estimates based on interaction with all gear types, including ghost fishing pots, to be utilized to inform management decisions.

*Motion passed 19/0*

*Rationale in Favor of Motion:*

- *It is important to include a workshop as well as a working group in this process to include the public and non-agency users. Preferably a workshop followed by a working group as a workshop leads to a larger array of input which could be narrowed down in working group discussion. The workshop could begin with clear objectives from the Council.*
- *All gear types should be included when assessing the unobserved mortality of crab. Including the effects of ghost fishing and/or derelict gear.*
- *It would be helpful to assess contact vs. impact for all gear types as they are not always the same.*
- *Concern was expressed around the closed nature or a Working Group vs. a public Workshop*
  - *Inability for fishermen or gear experts to participate and discuss operational realities*
  - *Decreased stakeholder input due to meeting behind closed doors*
  - *This topic is extremely sensitive and more transparency should be encouraged*