

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
December 6-9, 2022 - Anchorage, AK

C3 Cook Inlet Salmon FMP Amendment

The AP recommends the Council move the Cook Inlet Salmon FMP Initial Review analysis forward for Final Action with updates as identified by staff.

Motion passed 16-0

Rationale:

- *As currently presented, the analysis is sufficient for decision-making amongst the viable action alternatives. Additionally, moving the document forward for final action takes into account the court-mandated timeframe for FMP implementation.*
- *Adoption and implementation of a Federal Salmon FMP for Cook Inlet continues to be a highly complicated issue that involves meshing federal and state fishery management requirements. Salmon do not easily fit into the same type of management scheme as groundfish given their unique life history.*
- *The majority of public testimony received hesitantly supported Alternative 2 as the PPA while noting that modifications were needed in order to make the Alternative more workable within federal standards. However, specific modifications to the Alternative were not brought forward for consideration. As such, a PPA was not included as part of the motion. Having concrete suggestions for potential modifications to Alternative 2 would allow them to be incorporated into the analysis for consideration by the AP and Council at the time of final action, which would allow for selection of an alternative that best supports the needs of commercial and recreational salmon fisheries in Cook Inlet.*