

Council Motion
C5 EFH FMP Amendments
December 10, 2023

The Council recommends Alternative 2 for final action as indicated below. Changes from the February 2023 motion based on staff recommendation are indicated in strikethrough and underline.

Alternative 2

Amend the Council's FMPs to incorporate the updated EFH information based on the new and best available science information identified in the 2023 EFH 5-year Review.

- **EFH component 1 (descriptions and identification).** Amend 4 FMPs to update EFH descriptions and maps, including up to EFH Level 3 information on habitat-related vital rates. Add or revise the EFH text descriptions and add or replace the maps for—
 - 41 species or complexes in the BSAI Groundfish FMP,
 - 46 species or complexes in the GOA Groundfish FMP,
 - all five species in the Crab FMP, and
 - all three species in the Arctic FMP.

For the Salmon FMP, replace the distribution maps for all five species with the EFH maps.

- **EFH component 2 (fishing effects).** Update the fishing effects (FE) information in the BSAI Groundfish, GOA Groundfish, and Crab FMPs to reflect updates to the FE model, analysis, and evaluation from the 2023 EFH 5-year Review.
- **EFH component 4 (non-fishing effects).** Revise the EFH appendices in the BSAI Groundfish, GOA Groundfish, Crab, and Arctic, ~~and Salmon~~ FMPs where conservation recommendations for non-fishing activities are described.
- **EFH component 7 (prey of EFH species).** Revise text or habitat description table information for two species of BSAI sharks, BSAI pollock, GOA Pacific cod, and BSAI red king crab in the BSAI Groundfish, GOA Groundfish, and Crab FMPs.
- **EFH component 9 (research and information needs).** Revise the EFH appendices with updated research and information needs in the BSAI Groundfish, GOA Groundfish, Crab, and Arctic, ~~and Salmon~~ FMPs.