

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
February 7-10, 2023 - Seattle, WA

D1 AIGKC Facility Use Cap

The AP recommends the Council move forward to establish a purpose and need statement and move forward to Initial/ final action to remove the EAG facility caps for AIGKC.

Motion passed 18/0

Rationale in Favor of Motion:

- The motion will allow independent unaffiliated entities access to competing processing markets; as well as enabling them to develop value added custom product.
- In 2009 Amendment 27 exempted custom processing IPQ use from the facility caps, but required a 60% facility cap for EAG and WAI RKC in response to regional processing concerns. Those entities are no longer participants and or operative and the condition for this unique cap no longer exists. This reasoning is supported through public testimony and the lack of opposition.
- In 2021 industry asked for season start date changes and facility use cap revisions. The council bifurcated the two issues. At the June 2022 meeting, a purpose and needs statement for the removal of the 60% facility cap was submitted.
- The motion asks for an expedited Initial Review/Final action. The analysis in the discussion paper is thorough and should minimize the need for further analysis. The language from the proposed purpose and needs statement (June 2022) may be helpful in considering next steps. This motion recognizes the stakeholders need to seek an expedited timeline to allow for full utilization of quota.