

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
January 28-31, 2020 - Anchorage, AK

D3 BSFEP Action Modules

AP Motion

The AP appreciates the significant amount of work done by staff and the Climate Change and LK/TK/Subsistence Taskforces. The AP supports the proposed workplans and recommends the Council direct the Taskforces to proceed as described in the workplans and as recommended by the SSC and Ecosystem Committee.

Motion passed 21-0

Rationale:

- *These action modules are timely in light of the rapid changes occurring in the Bering Sea and the associated impacts to fishing and indigenous communities, which are already feeling the impacts of warming regionally, with shifts in species distributions and unpredictable fish stock responses.*
- *The TK/LK/Subsistence Module will “develop protocols for using LK and TK in management and understanding impacts of Council decisions on subsistence resources” and represents an important step to better integrate multiple ways of knowing and native Alaskan voices in the Council management process.*
- *Similarly, the Climate Change Module will propose pathways for integration of information related to the changes being experienced and will identify species and communities most vulnerable to changing conditions and make recommendations relating to resilience and adaptation.*
- *These action modules are important steps forward and substantial progress has been made by both Taskforces in their first official meetings. This work will benefit the Council and the region in leading the field in adaptive fisheries management and Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management.*