

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

D5 Crab eLogbooks

AP Motion

The AP recommends the Council suspend work on the development of eLogbooks while industry explores more cost-effective third party options.

Motion passed 22-0

Rationale:

- This motion is intended to table Council work on this issue while industry explores other third-party options. The Council cost analysis for eLogbooks looks at the costs to the agencies (ADF&G and NMFS) and to PSMFC, but does not explore other, potentially cheaper, third party options. Additionally, NMFS would likely charge the cost of eLogbooks to industry through cost recovery.
- The agencies do not have existing resources to implement eLogbooks. They have also indicated that they only use the existing paper logbook data peripherally.
- Public testimony indicated that the crab industry is interested in an eLogbook, but only if it is useful to their fleet, if it is cost-effective, and if it is voluntary.
- Ownership and stakeholder involvement from the beginning in the development of an eLogbook is critically important to its successful implementation and use.
- While no timeframe is specified as part of this motion, it is the intent of the crab industry to bring this issue back when they have developed a workable package in cooperation with the agencies.