
ADVISORY PANEL
MOTIONS C1, C2, C3, D1,
& D3



C1 OBSERVER REPORT (1/2)

The AP wishes to express our appreciation to the agency staff, observers, observer providers, fishermen, and processors who worked diligently to ensure the at-sea monitoring needs of fishery managers and stock assessment scientists were met under exceedingly difficult COVID circumstances. We appreciate the information contained in the 2020 Annual Report and make the following recommendations with respect to the 2022 DRAFT Annual Deployment Plan (ADP).

1. The AP supports the NMFS recommendations for the 2022 Draft ADP on the observer selection pool, the fixed gear EM selection pool, the trawl EFP, ODDs program, and evaluation of port sampling vs. trip sampling. In addition to the NMFS recommendations, the AP requests the 2022 ADP evaluate:
 - The PCFMAC and FMAC's recommendations to use the 14 key ports identified in 2021 in the trip-based vs. port-based deployment design, and to focus the evaluation on potential cost efficiencies associated with the port-based deployment approach;
 - The FMAC recommendation to evaluate putting all "optimized" partial coverage observer days above the baseline in the trawl stratum;
 - An option ~~to ensure a~~ **for a potential** minimum of 300 observer sea days are available for "optimization" by moving additional vessels into zero selection or reducing the fixed gear hurdle as needed to achieve this result; and
 - The FMAC recommendation to add consideration of a vessel's ability to share EM systems in select ports to the tiered criteria NMFS currently uses to prioritize candidate EM vessels for the EM pool if funding is insufficient.



C1 OBSERVER REPORT (2/2)

2. The AP supports the comprehensive evaluation of cost efficiencies in the partial coverage category and supports the FMAC recommendations that the analysis needs to be completed in time to inform the next Federal contracting period, and the need for early and ongoing communication with the PCFMAC and industry when developing the analysis. The AP further recommends evaluation of the cost efficiencies in the partial coverage category that would be realized from a consecutive three trip selection.
3. The AP supports the EM NFWF projects identified in the PCFMAC report, and recommends the Council consider sending letters of support for these projects to NFWF as appropriate.

Main Motion as amended passed 17-0



C2 TRAWL EM ANALYSIS

The AP recommends the Council initiate analysis to allow the use of Electronic Monitoring (EM) in shoreside pelagic pollock fisheries in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. The AP supports the draft Purpose and Need Statement as presented and approved by the Trawl EM Committee and recommends the Council consider the draft set of Alternatives and List of Program Elements as discussed by the Committee.

Motion passed 18-0



C3 BSAI CRAB

The Advisory Panel reviewed the CPT report and recommends the Council adopt the updated PIBKC and AIGKC SAFE report chapters, as well as approve the 2021-22 and 2022-23 PIBKC OFLs and ABCs as recommended by the CPT and SSC.

The Advisory Panel also recommends the Council approve the 2021-22 AIGKC OFL as recommended by the CPT and SSC. This motion specifically does not address a recommendation for AIGKC ABC.

Motion passed 17-0



D1 BSAI PCOD SMALL BOAT LLP

The AP recommends that the Council initiate an expanded discussion paper to provide more information on the potential structure and elements of a new small vessel sector that would be eligible to fish the 1.4% jig allocation. The expanded discussion paper should focus on the LLP subarea endorsement as outlined in the June 2021 Small Boat Access Discussion Paper. The expanded discussion paper should explore in more detail potential regulatory boundaries of a Dutch Harbor subarea (e.g., Unalaska Bay and the outside waters from Bishop Pt. to Unalga Pass), ranges for qualifying years for a subarea endorsement (e.g., vessels in the Under 60 sector that have reported at least one landing in the subarea in 7 of the last 10 years), and other elements including but not limited to opt-out provisions (if a vessel chooses to remain in the Under 60 sector and fish outside the subarea), potential options for new entrants to acquire a subarea endorsement, and impacts to rollovers to the Under 60 sector.

Motion passed 17-0



D3 BS FEP REPORT / CCTF REPORT

The AP commends the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team for progress made during the May 2021 workshop and meetings. The AP recommends the Council encourage the FEP Plan team to continue the work as outlined in the presentation, including the development of ecosystem indicators to inform an Ecosystem Health or Evaluation Report and continued coordination with the Action Module Taskforces.

The AP recommends the Council approve the revised work plan presented by the Climate Change Taskforce.

Motion passed 18-0

