
ADVISORY PANEL C1 MOTION

FEBRUARY 2023



C1 SNOW CRAB REBUILDING

The Advisory Panel (AP) recommends that the Council select Alternative 2 Option 2 as the preferred alternative for final action for rebuilding Bering Sea snow crab.

Motion passed 18/0



ADVISORY PANEL C2 MOTION

FEBRUARY 2023



C2 NSRKC, CRAB

The AP acknowledges the receipt of the CPT report and SAFE document. The AP recommends the Council approve the 2023 OFL and ABC for Norton Sound Red King Crab as recommended by the SSC.

Motion Passed 17/0



ADVISORY PANEL C3 MOTION

FEBRUARY 2023



C3 AREA 4 VESSEL USE CAP

The AP recommends to the Council that they take final action to:

Waive the Vessel Use Cap regulations under 50 CFR Section 679.42(h)(1) for halibut in IPHC Regulatory Areas 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D, to act as an interim measure through 2025, unless the Council takes action to implement a permanent regulatory action revising vessel use caps passed by the Council in June 2022.

The AP also recommends to the Council that they prioritize analysis and implementation of the permanent regulatory action to revise vessel use caps.

The analysis should consider the impact of vessel use cap revisions in each of Areas 4A, 4B, and 4CD as individual areas and consider permanent action in each area accordingly.

Motion Passed 18/0



ADVISORY PANEL C4 MOTION

FEBRUARY 2023



C4 EFH

The Advisory Panel recommends the action proposed by the Ecosystem Committee which is to initiate the process to amend the fisheries management plans to incorporate the changes to EFH information identified in the EFH 5-year review.

The recommendation that the climate change Taskforce continue to lead the Council's consideration of adjustments to increase climate resiliency and supports Taskforce's development of a diverse climate adaptability and resiliency toolbox and the spring 2023 workshop;

The recommendation the Council continue to support the work of the Climate Change Taskforce;

The AP requests that the Council develop a request for proposals as outlined in component 6 and 8 to conserve and enhance fisheries habitat, with a focus on:

- 1) climate impacted/vulnerable species—(coral, crab, cod);
- 2) intensely fished/highly impacted habitat of particular importance to a fishery dependent community
- 3) identify areas that may qualify under the designation criteria for HAPCs

Amendment 1 passed 12/5

Main Motion as amended 11/6



ADVISORY PANEL C5 MOTION

FEBRUARY 2023



C5 BSAI POT CP MONITORING ADJUSTMENTS

The Advisory Panel recommends that the Council selects Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative for final action. The Alternative, elements, and options read as follows:

Alternative 2: Implement additional monitoring requirements for Pot CPs participating in the BSAI groundfish fisheries.

Element 1: Require a minimum of one Level 2 observer on board at all times.

Element 2: Require vessels comply with pre-cruise notifications when requested by NMFS.

Element 3: Additional voluntary monitoring options:

Option 1: Allow a certified observer sampling station with motion compensated platform (MCP) scale for observer's use.

Option 2: Allow a motion-compensated, NMFS-Certified Scale to measure total catch of Pacific cod, in conjunction with an MCP scale for testing, electronic logbook, and video monitoring.

Option 3: Allow a vessel to carry additional onboard observers.

Motion passed 17/0



ADVISORY PANEL D1 MOTION

FEBRUARY 2023



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



ADVISORY PANEL D2 MOTION

FEBRUARY 2023



D2 PSEIS

The AP recommends the Council initiate the North Pacific Programmatic EIS and develop a purpose and need statement, which would include a range of alternatives brought forward by the Ecosystem Committee, with potential action taken at the April or June 2023 Council meetings. The Council and its bodies, including NMFS, should robustly and meaningfully engage Alaska Native Tribes throughout the entirety of the process associated with this, including through outreach, two-way engagement, and Tribal Consultation.

Motion passed 17/0



ADVISORY PANEL D4 MOTION

FEBRUARY 2023



D4 TRAWL EM COMMITTEE

The Advisory Panel acknowledges the receipt of the Trawl Electronic Monitoring (EM) Committee report and would like to recognize the collaborative work of the committee, which was crucial to the successful implementation of the Pollock Trawl EM EFP.

Additionally, the Advisory Panel recommends the Council accept all of the recommendations from the Trawl EM Committee:

1. The Council should recommend that during the 60-day public comment period for Pollock Trawl EM the Agency should conduct:

- A public hearing for Alaska in Anchorage or Kodiak.
- A public hearing in Newport, Oregon.
- A public hearing in Seattle, Washington.
- All public hearing meetings shall be hybrid (remote and in-person) if possible.



D4 TRAWL EM COMMITTEE

2. In order to encourage and showcase the collaborative efforts of ongoing work and research on electronic technologies (ET) and EM, the Council should consider organizing an evening activity during an Anchorage Council meeting to present current projects to the public in a concise manner.
3. The Council should specifically identify a priority of cost versus competition in terms of the number of EM service providers, prior to funding decision deadlines in late Fall.
4. The Council should reassess the membership of the Fisheries Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC) to ensure sufficient expertise to address EM issues.
5. The Council should consider the creation of an EM subcommittee or working group to address specific EM projects as needed.

Motion passed 15/0



ADVISORY PANEL E1 MOTIONS

FEBRUARY 2023



E1 STAFF TASKING

Motion 1

The AP recommends the Council rescind their February 2022 motion to revise the halibut catch sharing plan sector allocations.

Motion passed 14/0



E1 STAFF TASKING

Motion 2

The Advisory Panel recommends that the Council direct the FMAC to provide a report to Council on the current and future ability to deploy observers and meet observer data quality standards in the full and partial coverage fleets, given the rapidly changing monitoring landscape across the fishing industry. The report shall be provided following the FMAC's next scheduled committee meeting.

The report should consider, but not necessarily be limited to, addressing the following:

1. Comparison of current and future deployment needs with availability of trained observers for both partial and full coverage sectors.
 - Consider how many observers are needed simultaneously across fishing seasons, more similarly to how an on observer provider needs to deploy observers.
 - Compare the total number of distinct, qualified observers and newly qualified observers (ex: Table 4-1 in the RIR to Revise Monitoring Requirements for Pot CPs Participating in BSAI Groundfish) that has traditionally been used with the above number of observers needed seasonally at each experience level.
 - Describe the challenges observer providers have encountered in providing observer coverage.
 - Consider how recent Council actions and their forthcoming regulatory changes (ex: Pollock Trawl EM, BS Trawl Cod LAPP, BSAI Pot CP) will affect the availability of entry level observer positions for different gear types in the full coverage and partial coverage sectors.



E1 STAFF TASKING

Motion 2 continued

2. Present a summary of observer data quality issues by each observed fishery and sector, with trends of those issues over an appropriate time period including:

- Number and percentage of observer trip level species composition data deletions
- Potential impacts of these data deletions for fishery management, conservation, and assessment of needed training change.

Motion passed 15/0



E1 STAFF TASKING

Motion 3

Move to approve the AP minutes from the December 2022 Meeting.

Motion passed 15-0

