

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
October 1-3, 2024 - Anchorage, AK

C5 Crew Data Collection

The AP recommends no further action on crew data collection currently.

Motion passed unanimously: 20/0

Rationale in favor of the Main Motion

- *The AP acknowledges the importance of the data points that could be collected through a Crew EDR and this motion is not intended to fully table this action, but rather to consider a different way of collecting the information.*
- *Crew members, not boat owners, should bear the responsibility for providing this information for a variety of reasons:*
 - *Confidentiality of information - this is sensitive information that the crew member should be providing*
 - *Rapid crew turn-over and difficulty in tracking crew for boat owners makes this an unfair burden on boat owners - many times crew members give false information regarding current addresses, etc.*
 - *The information being collected would be used to benefit crew members (i.e. disaster relief, etc) so it should be incumbent on the crew member to provide the information*
 - *Boat owners should not be penalized and have quota withheld or some other punitive action because the boat owner can't get the information from crew members or crew members provide false information*
- *The AP is aware that having the onus on crew members to provide the information would require coordination and cooperation with ADFG who issues crew licenses. The AP would encourage the state of Alaska to consider the importance of this data for all fisheries both state and federal and explore the options for collecting this data from the person issued the crew license.*
- *ADF&G required reporting for Sport fish license, hunting license and subsistence/personal use licenses. All of these licenses can be purchased on the same portal as where a crew license is purchased. ADF&G should be encouraged to explore the option to implement the same reporting requirements for crew licenses in the same format that is triggered when a person purchases any of the other licenses.*

- *One of the goals of this action would be to improve understanding of where economic impacts of fisheries funnel by considering crew residence. It was noted during the presentation that licenses for processor crew on vessels are not required, and that the corresponding data for Amendment 80 EDRs are reported as aggregated information, without resolution on processor residence. Processing workers represent a large portion of the vessel labor force and having limited resolution on their residence in this action reduces the context of the remaining crew information.*
- *For many vessels, crew rotate in and out periodically and don't work on a vessel during all the days it fishes in a year. Tracking crew time and pay for data reporting on these operations could significantly increase reporting burden on owners.*
- *Concerns were expressed on what enforcement tools could be administered due to missed or late reporting, and how owners in different fisheries might be penalized differently.*