



# **C6 Economic Data Reports Removal**

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## **Action Memo**

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Action Required: 1. Review Initial/Final Review Draft  
2. If document is ready for final action, recommend a preferred alternative; otherwise request further staff work, potentially identify a preliminary preferred alternative, and schedule final action for a future date

## **BACKGROUND**

At this meeting, the Council will consider whether to take final action to remove the Economic Data Report (EDR) collections.

There are currently three EDR collections in place in the North Pacific under Federal regulations. These are mandatory annual data reporting requirements for entities participating in the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Crab Rationalization fisheries, the BSAI American Fisheries Act pollock fishery, and the BSAI Amendment 80 fisheries. Each EDR requirement was designed around a unique purpose, which is highlighted in the analysis. However, broadly, the purpose of the EDR collections is to gather data and information to improve the Council's ability to analyze the social and economic effects of the catch share programs, to understand the economic performance of participants in these programs, and to help estimate impacts of bycatch avoidance efforts.

The one action alternative considered in this analysis (Alternative 2) would remove all EDR reporting requirements across all three fisheries. The Council's decision will weigh the tradeoffs of direct cost savings for industry from reduced cost recovery fees and reporting burden, against the loss of timeseries data from these fisheries, including the broader and more indirect implications of this data loss.

This action has been scheduled for possible joint Initial and Final Review at this October meeting. This action was scheduled in this way because,

- Substantial recent work and consideration has taken place in the Council arena relative to EDRs prior to and through Amendment 52, which is incorporated by reference into this analysis. This includes several iterations of input from the SSC, whose input is highlighted as relevant in the present analysis.
- There is a relatively simple choice set, with only one action alternative and no suboptions, and
- This is a more efficient way to consider possible action that may be in line with the intent of E.O. 14276. This action would result in direct cost savings for some fisheries participants.

However, while the scheduling of this agenda item meets the requirement to provide sufficient public notice that the Council may take final action at this meeting, the Council is not required to do so. If the Council wishes to request additional information necessary for decision-making, to identify a preliminary preferred alternative for additional public input, or to modify alternatives at this stage for additional analysis, the Council may choose to reschedule final action at a later date.