

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
December 3-6, 2024 - Anchorage, AK

D4 AM 80 Program Review

Motion

The AP recommends the Council accept the Amendment 80 Program Review after incorporating the corrections in written public comment.

Motion passed unanimously.

Rationale in Support of the Motion

- *The document successfully outlines the Council's goals and objectives for the Amendment 80 program and the extent to which these goals and objectives have been attained to this point.*
- *The AP recommends that the data corrections and additional context outlined in written public comment from the Amendment 80 participants be incorporated before the finalization of this program review document. Vessels in the A80 program fish multi-species groundfish targets under a complex system of management rules and constraints within the Bering Sea, the Aleutian Islands, and the Gulf of Alaska. Given the nature of these fisheries, it often requires additional context to clearly convey the performance of the fleet. The addition of the corrections in written public comment will result in a more complete program review.*
- *While the AP did not include any follow-on actions relative to the program review, the AP flagged the upcoming MRA Adjustments action scheduled for initial review analysis in April. This action would further improve the retention of fish that are currently required to be thrown overboard as regulatory discards and would apply to various sectors including A80. Noting that one of the Council's main goals of Amendment 80 is the improvement of retention and utilization of groundfish within the sector, the MRA Adjustments action may further the achievement of this program goal.*