

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
April 5-7, 2023 - Anchorage, AK

D2 LKTKS Protocol

The AP supports and commends the work of the Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Taskforce. The AP supports the recommendations and products of the LKTKS taskforce.

The AP recommends the Council consider opening a 45-day period for public review of the Taskforce's recommendations and products to allow for final public review of the work and for the Taskforce to address comments received during that review period.

Motion passed 16/0

Rationale in Favor of Motion:

- *The LKTKS Taskforce has accomplished a significant amount of work in a short period of time, and met their mandate provided by the Council and as one of the first action modules coming out of the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). The work of the Taskforce is also of national significance.*
- *The work of the Taskforce is a watershed moment for the Council in terms of bringing Tribal knowledge and priorities into the Council process. This work will help the Council address its goals of diversifying its knowledge base, working towards equity and inclusion, taking an EBFM approach to analysis and management, and meeting various MSA National Standard mandates including National Standard 2 regarding the use of the best scientific information available.*
- *This motion responds to National Standards 2,4,6 and 8:*
 - *Under National Standard 2: The motion seeks relevant information where appropriate and be inclusive of the Tribal members in Alaska; and*
 - *National Standard 4: That judicial guidance and government policy concerning the rights of treaty Indians and aboriginal Americans must be considered in determining whether an allocation is fair & equitable;*
 - *National Standard 6: As the people that live on the land and shores adjacent to the fisheries resources in question, the real time observation & collection of information (LK & TK) provides an early and 1st look at variations that may provide additional time to respond to unexpected events;*
 - *National Standard 8: In that many Tribal members live near and are sustained by the fisheries resources managed by the NPFMC, this motion seeks to protect their sustained participation through their improved engagement opportunities.*
- *There was discussion in support of an ad hoc review or advisory body to determine whether the Protocol could be applied to the Gulf of Alaska. The AP encourages that work continue on this so that LKTKS is not solely incorporated in only Bering Sea issues. Although there may be unique differences between regions that would require specific details in protocols, LKTKS should be incorporated in all Council work.*