## ADVISORY PANEL Motions and Rationale June 3-4, 7-9, 2021 - Anchorage, AK

## C2 Trawl EM Analysis

The AP recommends the Council initiate analysis to allow the use of Electronic Monitoring (EM) in shoreside pelagic pollock fisheries in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. The AP supports the draft Purpose and Need Statement as presented and approved by the Trawl EM Committee and recommends the Council consider the draft set of Alternatives and List of Program Elements as discussed by the Committee.

Motion passed 18-0

## Rationale:

- Initial work under the pollock trawl EM EFP has been successful in showing that electronic monitoring onboard catcher vessels and tenders, in conjunction with a shoreside observer component, can be effectively utilized for compliance monitoring purposes in both Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska pelagic pollock fisheries. Both the goals for EM and the goals of the EFP have been achieved. The AP greatly appreciates the collaborative and cooperative structure that has been established under the EFP and supports these continued efforts.
- While there was not consensus amongst Committee members regarding the best structure for a draft set of Alternatives, the minutes adequately capture the pros and cons of the various structures discussed (reiterated during public testimony) that will allow the Council to establish an appropriate range of alternatives for analysis.