

Advisory Panel

D6 Motion

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Motions and Rationale
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D6 EDR/SSPT Reports

The AP recommends the Council modify the Alternatives from their January 30, 2020 motion as follows (additions in underline and deletions in ~~strikeout~~):

Alternative 1: Status Quo Alternative

Alternative 2: Make revisions, where needed, in the EDR sections of the crab or groundfish FMPs and in the EDR regulations.

Component 1: Revise authorizations for third party data verification audits under the existing programs and reduce burdens associated with this process. Amend regulatory language in all EDR programs to authorize third party data verification audits in cases of noncompliance

Component 2: Revise requirements for aggregation of data across submitters and blind formatting in all EDR programs to make those data aggregation and confidentiality protections comparable to the requirements under other data collection programs

Component 3: Small changes to existing EDR programs

Crab EDRs:

Option 1: Assess modifications to Table 1 (Ex-vessel sales) and Table 2 (Quota lease costs) to account for inconsistencies associated with ex-vessel sales and IFQ lease costs as reported in crab EDR forms compared to 1) the gross revenue basis for crew settlements and 2) NMFS Alaska Region records of vessel landings and IFQ permit deductions.

Option 2: Assess modifications to crab CV and CP forms to associate joint ownership of active crab vessel and QS holders.

A80 EDRs:

Option 1. Revise the EDR webform to pre-populate data entry fields for EDR, Tables 1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4

Option 2. Assess data quality impacts of eliminating days fishing and days processing data elements from Table 2.5

Option 3. Assess modifications to Table 4 (Capital expenditures) to distinguish (and potentially exclude) major investment expenditures (e.g. vessel replacement, structural hull modification) from capitalized expenditures associated with routine/cyclical capital maintenance and improvement. Consider potential data quality improvements and burden reductions from a capitalized expenditures EDR module required only every 3 years which covers the prior 3-year period.

Component 3: Remove the GOA trawl EDR requirements.

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Component 4. Revise EDR collection period to every (options: 2 years; 3 years; 5 years)

Alternative 3: Remove EDR requirements.

Option 1: GOA Trawl EDR

Option 2: A80 EDR

Option 3: A91 EDR

Option 4: Crab EDR

Motion passed 19-1

Rationale:

- *The SSPT held two outreach stakeholder workshops (August & November of 2020) after the Council motion of January 2020. The SSPT minutes and workshop participants recommended small changes to the EDRs for crab and Amendment 80, which are captured within the new Component 3. In addition, the analysts suggested breaking Alternative 3 into different programs, which is now captured within Options 1 – 4 under Alternative 3.*
- *The SSPT report also suggested that each individual EDR purpose and need statement be revisited or, as another approach, developing a more standardized/ holistic and consolidated EDR program for all North Pacific catch share programs with the possible inclusion of non-catch share fishery sectors. Such a consolidated EDR would require the development of an appropriate Purpose and Need statement and a standardized panel of data elements. This motion does not address or incorporate these concepts since both these initiatives would be new and larger undertakings than the smaller revisions and changes contained within the motion.*