

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
April 6-10, 2021 - Anchorage, AK

E Staff Tasking

Motion 1

The AP recommends the Council initiate a discussion paper to consider identifying longline pots as legal gear for Greenland turbot.

Motion passed 19-0

Rationale:

- *Given the success with pot gear in the sablefish fishery, it is likely that longline pot gear could also be utilized in the Greenland turbot fishery as a potential solution to mitigate whale predation.*

Motion 2

The AP recommends that the Council return to the prior practice of publishing all public comments simultaneously at the conclusion of the comment deadline.

Motion passed 10-9

Rationale in Favor:

- *Given recent trends of negative experiences (e.g., commenters providing hostile responses in reaction to other comments already submitted) with the Council's current public comment submission process of publishing comments as they are received, it is believed that returning to the Council's previous policy of publishing all public comment simultaneously at the end of the submission period would best alleviate this specific negativity, which can be distracting and disruptive to the important role that public comment serves in the Council process.*
- *This recommendation is procedural in nature and is not implying or recommending any process associated with filtering/limiting the public comment received.*

Rationale in Opposition:

- *The Council's current practice of publishing public comments as they are received provides a necessary amount of time for the Council, its advisory bodies, and the public to read and comprehend all public comment received for all agenda items during any given meeting. This is especially necessary when public comment submissions number into the hundreds.*

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Motion 3

The AP approves the February 2021 Minutes.

Motion passed 19-0