D-6 Council motion Economic Data Reporting April 16, 2021

The Council approves the following changes to the alternatives and options for the Economic Data Reporting analysis as follows (deletions are stricken/new text is underlined):

Alternative 1: Status Quo

Alternative 2: Make revisions, where needed, in the EDR sections of the crab or groundfish FMPs and in the EDR regulations (options are not mutually exclusive):

Component Option 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 Option 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: Remove the GOA trawl EDR requirements.

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

Alternative 3: Remove EDR requirements for (options are not mutually exclusive):

Option 1. GOA Trawl
Option 2. Crab
Option 3. BSAI Amendment 80
Option 4. BSAI Amendment 91

The Council also requests AFSC staff move forward to implement the small changes to the EDR identified in the stakeholder workshops, March 2021 SSPT report (e.g., p. 5, 9), and/or others in consultation with stakeholders, which do not require regulatory changes but serve the purposes of reducing regulatory burden and increasing clarity and quality of data collection. The Council requests an update of those changes prior to implementation in the NMFS management report.