

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
October 3-7, 2023 - Anchorage, AK

D1 LKTKS Protocol

The Advisory Panel recommends that the Council adopt the LKTKS protocol and on-ramp recommendations as presented by the Taskforce at the October 2023 meeting. The AP also recommends that the Council initiate a plan with a timeline to implement all the on-ramp recommendations as presented by the Taskforce and begin work now on implementing as many of the on-ramp recommendations as possible. The Council should also consider scheduling a review in 5 years to evaluate its implementation of the protocol and on-ramps.

Motion passed 15/0

Rationale in Favor of Motion:

- *The protocol and onramps could help to improve Council analysis, decision-making, and outcomes. It could assist the Council in meeting its National Standard 2 mandate regarding the use of the best scientific information available, as well as elements of other goals and mandates such as those related to equity, environmental justice, climate change, and ecosystem-based fishery management.*
- *The work of the Taskforce was highly transparent and collaborative, and its products have been met with nearly unanimous support and praise. Its products are a unique achievement at a national level.*
- *While some of the onramps may be more difficult to implement than others in the near-term, owing to various challenges (such as capacity and working out implementation details), the Council should adopt the recommendations in their entirety. Laying out a plan with a timeline will give the Council time to address any challenges for on-ramps that may not be as easily implementable right away.*
- *Since the LKTKS onramps are a new, but important and greatly needed shift in Council policy, it is important and appropriate to recommend a five year review to ensure that all on ramps have been incorporated into the process, and are working.*