

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

**C5 Crab Facility Use Cap**

The AP selects Alternatives 2 and 3 as the preliminary preferred alternatives, and releases the analysis for public review.

*Motion passes 15-0*

Rationale in Favor of Main Motion:

- *This change was fully supported through written and oral public comment.*
- *There are a number of processor shares held by people that don't own processing facilities and need a processor to custom process their crab. This will mitigate the potential for stranded crab should one of the four active processors opt not to process in a season.*
- *Due to severe declines in BBRKC and snow crab, it is highly inefficient and costly to process small amounts of crab. The two action alternatives are intending to fix this situation by removing the facility use caps for two species (alt 2) and adding the last species to the custom processing exemption (Alt 3) such that custom processing of BBRKC, Snow Crab with a South region designation, and Western Aleutian Island Golden King Crab are exempt from IPQ use caps like other species.*
- *The current state of the crab industry is very challenging for all participants and this action helps to ensure healthy processing and healthy harvesting sectors. This action can benefit both by finding efficiencies of scale at lower TACs.*