

**ADVISORY PANEL**  
**Motions and Rationale**  
**Sept 29 - Oct 2, 2025 Webinar**

**C6 Motion #1**

The Advisory Panel recommends that the Council retain their original Purpose and Need Statement. We also recommend the Council take final action at this meeting by selecting Alternative 2 which eliminates the EDR programs for the BSAI Crab Rationalization Program, the Amendment 80 Program, and the American Fisheries Act Program.

*Main Motion passed 20-0*

***Rationale in Support of Motion***

- *Responsive to broad public comment in favor of eliminating Economic Data Reports (EDRs).*
- *Currently, EDRs do not apply uniformly across all LAPP programs, resulting in an arbitrary application of EDRs and a disproportionate burden for some programs.*
- *Much of the data collected by EDRs is redundant, as it is already reported through systems like eLandings and cooperative reports. For example, the original purpose of the A91 EDR was to track the value of salmon PSC transfers but there is no value in these transfers and transfers themselves are already reported in IPA and ICA reports.*
- *Collecting information solely for the sake of having data is not a sufficient justification for retaining costly EDRs for only a few programs. Reducing regulatory burdens and costs is necessary for the fisheries sector.*
- *EDRs are not necessary for the successful management of fisheries; currently, only three programs utilize EDRs and the Council successfully manages many fisheries that do not have EDRs. It is difficult to find direct management decisions that are based on EDR-informed analysis.*
- *The NMFS proposed changes to the Purpose and Need statement alter the action drastically and negate the many problems the Council identified when the statement was originally adopted so the AP supports retaining the original Purpose and Need Statement.*
- *The fuel survey imposes a daily cost on vessels and is an unnecessary expense. It is seldom utilized for fisheries management purposes. Vessel time would be better spent on operations, safety, and fishing activities.*

## **C6 Motion #2**

The AP recommends the Social Science Plan Team reconvene to develop recommendations on a more holistic approach to Economic Data Reporting that includes all federally managed fisheries. This should take into consideration information that is able to be collected through other mechanisms as to not duplicate burden on the industry **or be subject to cost recovery**.

*Amendment 1 passed 20-0*

*Main Motion as amended failed 9-11*

### ***Rationale in Support of Failed Amended Main Motion:***

- *The document and this action has shown an importance of economic data but an inconsistent application. The SSC has noted numerous times the preference for developing a more holistic approach to data collection that encompasses all fisheries and/or LAPPs.*
- *Socio-economic considerations drive a lot of industry advocacy. Having socio-economic data is a tool that decision makers and industry can use to demonstrate the need, hardship, burden or benefit of management actions.*
- *Some of the data from EDR's can be replaced through other mechanisms. Having the Social Science Plan Team develop a framework of data needs to compensate for the loss of EDR's and provide a holistic approach to all federal fisheries would then allow a process to recognize where data already exist and the best mechanisms to collect the rest. It may be through trade organizations or other adjacent industry support groups.*
- *Many management decisions rely on committees and Plan Teams for recommendations and the SSPT has not met since 2023. The AP expressed concerns about the resources available in the agency and among council staff to conduct any new actions at this time. But the SSPT has a committee framework and process that can be executed. Staff and agencies are constrained but we can allow the agency to prioritize as possible.*

### ***Rationale in Opposition to Failed Amended Main Motion:***

- *There have been previous efforts to examine a holistic approach which have not produced a workable solution, understanding the previous actions taken should be well understood before tasking additional work on this - especially with severely reduced resources (human and financial)*