

**ADVISORY PANEL  
Motions and Rationale  
Dec 3-5, 2025**

**D1 NSRKC Participation Recency**

The AP recommends the Council take no further action.

*Motion passed 18-0*

*Rationale in Support of Motion*

- *The AP noted that the Council initiated the discussion paper to bring a better understanding of the NSRKC super exclusive summer fishery in response to stakeholder concerns. The AP felt this discussion paper fulfilled this purpose, bringing background information on how the fishery is structured and prosecuted.*
- *While the AP did hear oral testimony from one stakeholder organization, there was no additional input or engagement from the public to initiate an analysis. Without a stronger request from stakeholders, the AP felt this may be untimely considering council staff constraints and funding shortages.*
- *The AP also noted two aspects of the program design that stakeholders did not wish to change, which would still allow increased participation or capacity in the fishery, making a recency action likely to not have a significant benefit:*
  - *Oral testimony indicated that the main stakeholder group wished to maintain the LLP requirement exemption for boats < 32 feet; with no limit on the number of vessels of that size that could participate in the future, it could potentially decrease harvest opportunity for current participants.*
  - *The staff presentation and discussion paper indicated that the majority of permitted boats that participate are still closer to 32 feet in length, with few vessels participating at the 60 ft MLOA. Larger vessels could still purchase LLPs and enter the fishery to increase vessel capacity without exceeding the 60 ft MLOA.*