

## Council Motion

### C6 Economic Data Reports Removal

October 7, 2025

The Council takes final action to remove Economic Data Report requirements from the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands American Fisheries Act Pollock Program, the Crab Rationalization Program, and the Amendment 80 Program, as specified in Alternative 2.

For the final documents prepared by the agency for rulemaking, the Council directs staff to revise the purpose and need statement as follows. Additions are shown in underline, and deletions are shown in ~~striketrough~~.

The Council has successfully analyzed the economic performance of numerous fisheries without the use of Economic Data Reports (EDRs). The Council has reviewed and modified EDRs in the past to improve their usability, efficiency, and consistency and sought to minimize costs to industry and the Federal government. In response, the Council has removed EDR requirements for one program and streamlined others. EDRs are currently required for only three limited access privilege programs (LAPPs): the BSAI Amendment 91, the Crab Rationalization and Amendment 80 Programs. These LAPPs pay fees for administering their EDRs through cost recovery programs. ~~Given~~ In light of the substantial cost recovery fees for submitting and maintaining EDRs, the Council will evaluate whether to retain the EDR programs based on the value of and continuing need for each of the EDR programs ~~their inconsistent application across LAPPs, and the lack of a clear overriding management need, the cost of EDRs to fishery participants and the agency outweighs the value of EDRs to management.~~

The Council deems proposed regulations that clearly and directly flow from the provisions of this motion to be necessary and appropriate in accordance with section 303(c).

The Council authorizes the Executive Director and the Chair to review the draft proposed regulations when provided by NMFS to ensure that the proposed regulations to be submitted to the Secretary under section 303(c) are consistent with these instructions.