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To: Erin Reinders, JR Pearson, Mayor Tutikoff and City Council

From: Frank Kelty, Fisheries Consultant

Re: Fishery Activities for June 10, 2021, and Fishery Articles

This week I have been attending the North Pacific Council meetings this week via Abode Connect. The Advisory Panel (AP), and Science Statistical Committee, (SSC) finished up their work on Thursday and Wednesday respectively. The full Council started on Wednesday with a full day of reports and this morning just started getting into their main agenda items. I will list as attachments some of the B reports from the Council Executive Director, ADFG, NMFS, and USCG. Listed below I will comment on some of important actions taken by the AP and SSC and this past week, and possibly some actions taken by the Council on Thursday the various motions will be attached with this memo.

C-1 AP Observer Report: the AP supported the NMFS recommendations for the Observer Annual Deployment Plan (ADP) for 2022.

- The AP recommended that ADP to use the 14 key ports identified in 2021 on a trip-based port deployment design for cost efficiencies.
- Evaluate putting all optimized partial observer days above the baseline in the trawl fisheries.
- Recommendations to add consideration of as vessel's ability to share Electronic Monitoring (EM) systems in select ports to the tiered NMFS uses to prioritize candidates for EM systems the EM pool if funding is insufficient.
- AP supports the comprehensive evaluation of cost efficiencies in the partial coverage category and supports the FMAC recommendations that the analysis to be completed time to inform federal contracting period. The AP further supports evaluation cost efficiencies in the partial coverage category realized from the three-trip selection.

Motion Passed 17-0

C-2 Trawl EM Analysis: The AP recommends the Council initiate analysis to allow the use of Electronic Monitoring (EM) in the shore side pelagic pollock trawl fisheries

in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. The AP supports the draft Purpose and Need Statement as presented and approved by the Trawl EM committee and recommends the Council consider the draft set of Alternatives and List of Program Elements as discussed by the Committee. Motion Passed 18-0

C-3 Bering Sea Aleutian Island Crab: The AP reviewed the Crab Plan Team Report and agrees with the Science Statistical Committee, (SSC) recommends to the Council adopt the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab, Pribilof Island Blue and Red King Crab, Overfishing Limit and the recommended Allowable Biological Catch as recommended by the SSC. The SSC recommended increasing the buffer on the ABC amount to from 25% to #0% as recommend by the Crab Plan Team. The OFL for 2021/2022 is recommend at 4,817MT increased by 19MT from 2020/2021 the ABC for 2021/2022 is reduce to 3,372MT from 3,599MT in 2020/2021 due to the 5% increase in the buffer on the ABC. The Pribilof Blue King Crab is listed as overfished the 2021/2022 OFL is set at 0.00116MT the ABC 0.00087MT with a 25% buffer on the ABC. Motion Passed 17-0

C-4 Bering Sea Aleutian Island Pacific Cod CV Trawl LAPP Program: The SCC on this issue the SSC felt was not ready to advance to final action and wanted to get further analysis after the Council picks a preliminary preferred alternative (PPA) there motion they listed three main areas they wanted look bycatch issues of Halibut and Crab. The market power between processors and harvesters and impacts on non-AFA vessels with AFA coop vessel and they had concern on gear conversion to pot needs further consideration and the monitoring of those objectives in this Lapp program.

The AP panel disagreed with the SSC and voted 15-3 to move this issue to final action in December and for the Council to choose a PPA at this meeting. I am awaiting the AP motion which has a breakdown of each element and objectives which the AP voted on element by element. I will send it when it is available.

D-1 Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Pacific Cod Small Boat: The AP was incredibly supportive of Dustan Dickerson proposal. They recommended and expanded discussion paper to provide more information on the potential structure and elements of a new small boat sector that would be eligible to fish the 1.4% jig allocation. The AP felt the discussion paper should focus on the LLP endorsement as outlined in the June 2021 discussion paper. The paper should focus on regulatory boundaries Unalaska Bay to outside waters to Bishop Pt. to Unalga Pass, vessel size reductions possibly down 55' to 57' feet. The discussion paper should include options for new entrants to acquire a subarea endorsement and impacts to rollover to the 60' under fleet.

D-3 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team (FEP): The AP recommended the Council approve the revised work plan presented by the Climate Change Taskforce an urged the FEP to continue the work in the presented outline. Motion passed 18-0

Regards

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Attachments

1. C-1 Observer Report both the AP and Council Motions
2. C-2 Trawl Electronic Monitoring AP and Council Motions
3. C-3 BSAI Crab Specs AP Motion
4. C-4 SSC Motion on BSAI Pacific Cod Trawl Lapp Program
5. D-1 AP Motion BSAI Pacific Cod Small Boat
6. D-3 AP Motion Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Report
7. Report ADFG
8. Report NMFS
9. Report USCG
10. Report Executive Director