Agenda Item E.7 Council Action:

1. Adopt the Purpose and Need statement for the proposed action.
2. Adopt a range of allocation alternatives for detailed analysis.
3. Adopt a preliminary preferred allocation alternative if possible.
For blackgill rockfish and the Slope Rockfish complex south of 40°10' N latitude, I move the Council adopt the following:

**Purpose and Need**

Adopt the purpose and need as described in Section 1-3 of Attachment 1.

**Blackgill rockfish**

Narrow the range of alternatives for analysis based on the GAP recommendations from the Supplemental GAP report under this agenda item. The range of sector allocation alternatives forwarded for more detailed analysis include No Action, Alternative 1, Alternative 2, and a 50:50 trawl:non-trawl sharing of the available harvest of blackgill, which analyzes a range of sector allocation alternatives with potentially enough contrast to provide insight into the effects on the various sectors.

**Remaining Slope Rockfish**

Narrow the range of sector allocation alternatives for detailed analysis to include No Action, Alternative 1 and Alternative 2. These alternatives also provide contrast to evaluate the effects of various sharing percentages of the Slope Rockfish South complex (with blackgill removed) on both sectors.

**Trawl Permit Allocation Alternatives**

Adopt the GAP recommendation to include an additional alternative which bases the quota share (QS) allocations of blackgill on catch histories during 2003-2014. This alternative reflects recent
catch histories and provides contrast to using 1994-2003 catch histories, which is the default allocation basis under Amendment 20.

**Sharing of Buyback Quota Shares**

Adopt the GAP recommendation to remove the “no equal sharing” of buyback QS sub-option, which would be overly punitive to those QS holders who have no catch history of blackgill.

**GMT recommendation (Supplemental GMT report)**

Reject the GMT recommendation to add or scope an alternative that pulls blackgill rockfish from the complex and apply the Amendment 21 allocation (63% trawl: 37% non-trawl) to both blackgill and the remaining slope rockfish species managed in the complex because it would violate the equitability standards in the FMP allocation framework.

- Pulling blackgill rockfish from the complex and maintaining current allocation would be inequitable to the fixed gear sectors. When the harvest guideline was implemented in 2013, this sector was effectively shut down and the GMT alternative would have the same effect.
- Because the remaining slope rockfish trawl species are trawl-dominant in aggregate, the GMT alternative would strand valuable slope rockfish in the non-trawl sector where they cannot be accessed by the trawl sector.
- Consider this alternative in the “Rejected but Eliminated from Further Detailed Analysis” category in the NEPA analysis.

Motion carried unan.