

I.5 Cordell Bank Conservation Area Revisions

Council Action:

Adopt Purpose and Need, Range of Alternatives, and Preliminary Preferred Alternative, if Possible:

1. Adopt purpose and need.
2. Adopt a range of alternatives.
3. Adopt a preliminary preferred alternative, if possible.

CDFW Motion 1 (As Amended)

I move the Council adopt the following Purpose and Need from Agenda Item I.5, Attachment 1, November 2024 as follows:

The purpose of this action is to provide fishing access to previously closed areas surrounding Cordell Bank while protecting sensitive habitats. The Cordell Bank GCA was initially implemented to reduce catch of several overfished groundfish stocks, which are all now rebuilt or rebuilding ahead of schedule. This action is needed to remove unnecessary regulations and to reduce regulatory complexity.

And adopt the Range of Alternatives and select Alternative 1 as the preliminary preferred alternative from Agenda Item I.5, Attachment 1, November 2024.

Moved by Caroline McKnight

Seconded by Marc Gorelnik

Motion passes unanimously

Amendment to CDFW Motion 1:

I move, adding the following text **(in bold)** to the proposed Purpose and Need Statement for the Cordell Bank Conservation Area Revisions

To read:

The purpose of this action is to provide fishing access to previously closed areas surrounding Cordell Bank while protecting sensitive habitats. The Cordell Bank GCA [Groundfish Conservation Area] was initially implemented to reduce catch of several overfished groundfish stocks, which are all now rebuilt or rebuilding ahead of schedule. This action is needed to **remove unnecessary regulations and to reduce regulatory complexity.**

Moved by Rebecca Lent

Seconded by Sharon Kiefer

Amendment to motion passes unanimously

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