

Agenda Item I.5 ESA Seabird Mitigation Measures Final Action

- **Review Mitigation Measures for Seabird Interactions in Groundfish Fisheries Pursuant to the 2017 United States Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion and**
- **Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative**

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I.5 motion for ESA seabird mitigation measures FPA

I move that the Council adopt the following seabird mitigation measures as final:

Require non-tribal vessels 26 feet and greater LOA using bottom longline gear as defined under 50 CFR 660.11 in the limited entry fixed gear, open access fixed gear, and longline vessels under the Shorebased IFQ Program to either use streamer lines according to the Alaska streamer line requirements or deploy gear between one hour after local sunset and one hour before local sunrise when declared into a federal fishery and fishing in Federal waters. In addition:

- When fishing south of 36° N latitude, vessels would be exempted from the requirement to deploy streamer lines or night set.
- For vessels 26-55 feet LOA, deploying streamer lines would be discretionary when a small craft wind advisory or higher is declared, in the area where the vessel is fishing.

In addition, encourage continued collaborative research to develop and test enforceable floated mainline gear configurations that can sink within the streamer line zone to reduce seabird interactions.

Moved by Maggie Sommer; 2nd by Christa M. Svensson

Motion carried unan.

I move the Council:

Direct the ESWG to locate and review any new short-tailed albatross telemetry or observer data South of 36 N. latitude at a future meeting (anticipated in 2021), and provide this review in its report back to the Council, for purposes of possibly reconsidering the exemption from the streamer requirement for longline vessels operating South of 36 N. latitude.

Moved by Marci Yaremko; 2nd by Bob Dooley

Motion carried unan.