

**C-1 BSAI Halibut ABM PSC Limits – Council motion
October 4, 2019**

The Council requests that staff incorporate the SSC's suggested revisions to the operating model and the preliminary draft EIS to the extent practicable, with the exception of including a new alternative that allows regulatory flexibility for adjusting PSC limits within season based on encounter rates. The resulting preliminary draft EIS should come back to the Council for another initial review.

Staff should evaluate the alternatives using the following performance metrics in addition to other metrics the workgroup considers appropriate.

1. Objective to index PSC limits to halibut abundance:
 - a. Rate of change in PSC limit relative to rate of change of total biomass
 - b. Rate of change in PSC limit relative to rate of change of spawning biomass
2. Objective to provide for a directed fishery in 4CDE:
 - a. The average percentage of the BSAI TCEY available to the Bering Sea directed fishery
3. Objective to protect the halibut spawning stock biomass at low levels of abundance:
 - a. Probability of PSC limit exceeding BSAI TCEY
 - b. Probability of PSC use exceeding BSAI TCEY