

Council Motion
E1 Motion – EFH
February 10, 2022

The Council directs the EFH team to address the SSC recommendations from this meeting, with respect to the development of the EFH 5-year review summary report that is being prepared for the Council. The Council particularly emphasizes the recommendations made by the SSC to address stock author concerns for species and life stage combinations that are poorly represented by the survey data, and to clearly characterize the nature of the concerns and data limitations if they cannot be addressed prior to the upcoming review. The Council notes the SSC's support for using the current version of the fishing effects model to evaluate fishing impacts, however, in cases where the species distribution model (SDM)-derived EFH definitions are deemed inadequate, the Council supports the SSC recommendation that the question of whether to elevate a species for possible mitigation should be based on other sources of information.