

**D1 – Halibut ABM Workplan  
Council Motion  
December 8, 2019**

The Council asks staff to prioritize the following tasks from the work plan to facilitate Council review of the analysis in June:

- Low and alternative recruitment scenarios and 30:20 harvest control rule simulation (#3 in work plan)
- PSC usage assumptions (#1 in work plan)
- Analysis of control rule scenarios recommended by stakeholders (Alternatives 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 3.2a, and 3.3a from the draft Initial Review Analysis)

The Council is concerned that the current BSAI halibut ABM approach involves development of complex control rules that adjust halibut PSC limits. Over the past two years, the Council, stakeholders, and the public have been challenged to understand the mechanics of the control rule options and the PSC limits. There are also concerns about the time it has taken to develop the analysis for the control rule options.

The BSAI halibut ABM workplan indicates that June 2020 is the earliest possible meeting for the Council to receive the initial review analysis of the current alternatives and model development. While working on the next version of the analysis, the Council requests stakeholder input on additional management alternatives that serve to streamline the action and meet the Council's objectives to establish abundance-based PSC limits that minimize halibut PSC to the extent practicable, and aid the directed halibut fisheries at low levels of abundance. The Council will consider stakeholder suggestions at a future meeting and determine whether further development is warranted.