

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Motion June 12, 2017
E1 Staff Tasking - Research Priority

Research Priority – New Project

Evaluate interactions between fisheries and killer whales and sperm whales.

Attempt to quantify killer whale and sperm whale predation on halibut, sablefish, and turbot in the CV and CP longline and trawl fleets.

Study the effects on DMR's, the observer program, stock estimates, wastage and unobserved mortality.

Also evaluate methods of avoidance, deterrence and cost.

Council initially scopes this as urgent priority.