

D1 Council Motion

Unobserved Fishing Mortality Workgroup (UFMWG)

June 9, 2024

The Council appreciates the work by the UFMWG and review bodies for the report. The UFMWG report is comprehensive and responsive to SSC and Council-defined objectives and end products, and acts as a step toward exploring and addressing the potential impacts of unobserved fishing mortality on crab.

The Council pauses the working group until further research is completed to inform unobserved fishing mortality estimates. The Council is supportive of the ongoing and further research to inform a framework for addressing unobserved fishing mortality and requests staff provide updates on the progress of ongoing research related to unobserved fishing mortality along with updates on research related to crab abundance and distribution, as requested in February 2024.