

E Staff tasking

Council Motion

October 11, 2026

The Council intends to hold an annual strategic planning discussion to develop priorities for the upcoming year.

The Council intends to change the current approach to staff tasking and consider initiating new actions during two meetings per year. The Council ED and Chair will assess potential modifications to the B agenda item to provide additional time for public testimony during the meetings where new actions are not initiated. The Council will revisit this decision after one year.

The Council affirms NMFS' implementation priorities provided in the October 2026 B2 management report.

The Council removes the following from the list of previously tasked actions:

- Electronic Monitoring for Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program
- Pot gear regulatory consistency
- NMFS-approved motion scales in sablefish fishery
- Streamline charter halibut timing

The Council prioritizes the following previously tasked actions to guide allocation of staff resources:

- Pelagic trawl gear performance standard
- Gulf of Alaska Tanner crab protection measures
- Bering Sea herring prohibited species catch (PSC) limit changes
- Lead Level 2 Endorsement criteria