

COUNCIL MOTION

June 9, 2015

Staff tasking

The Council requests both Amendment 80 cooperatives provide their 2016 halibut bycatch management plans to the Council in December. Those plans should include:

1. Halibut avoidance practices on the grounds
2. Increased communication between participating harvesters
3. Sharing data for performance tracking
4. Use and development of excluders
5. Deck sorting
6. Performance measurement and assessment at the boat and company level
7. Incentives for continuous efforts to minimize bycatch
8. Consequences for substandard performance

The plans should be designed not just to accommodate the revised hard caps, but to bring savings to levels below the hard cap.