

D-2 Climate Funding and SCS8 Workshop
Council Motion
October 7, 2024

The Council appreciates the report on the public Climate Scenarios Workshop in June 2024 and recognizes its utility for informing the Programmatic Evaluation agenda item currently scheduled for April 2025. The Council looks forward to the Climate Change Task Force final report in December 2024, which, with the Climate Scenarios Workshop report, will allow the Council to further plan and communicate climate resiliency efforts in a comprehensive manner through a tracking tool and/or workplan.

The Council also supports the two priorities identified by the SSC resulting from the 8th national meeting of the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee of the Council Coordination Committee (SCS8) on “Applying Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rules in a Changing Environment”, both of which support and maintain momentum toward achieving objective 3¹ of the Council’s proposal for use of Inflation Reduction Act Funding for Climate Resiliency Planning:

1. Consider to what extent, and whether, to revise groundfish and crab harvest control rules (HCRs) to be more climate-resilient
 - Schedule a Feb or April 2025 SSC workshop as a starting point to frame how to approach and prioritize HCR adjustment opportunities
 - The Council supports the formation of a technical SSC-Plan Team-agency subgroup to develop the ideas from the SSC workshop
2. Compile social and economic information to meet the needs of using the best scientific information available and informing Council decision-making and TAC-setting
 - The Council supports efforts of the existing technical SSC economic and socioeconomic subgroup and will review pilot work on sablefish in December 2024

¹Objective 3: Develop and implement new tools for the harvest specifications process, to adapt to risk in the face of uncertainty due to climate-driven marine ecosystem changes.