

**E Staff Tasking – MRA  
Council Motion  
October 10, 2023**

Motion on Maximum Retainable Amount (MRA) Management

The Council appreciates that NMFS is preparing a discussion paper concerning MRA management. The Council recommends that the discussion paper include: a description of the complexities resulting from current regulations for vessels participating in multiple fisheries and/or in multiple management areas; potential regulatory changes that could be made to modify trip triggers for the purpose of calculating and determining MRA calculations; potential changes to applying MRAs at offload instead of instantaneously; how those changes could reduce regulatory discards; and compliance considerations for vessels that are subject to unforeseen medical or mechanical issues during a trip.