

## **E Staff Tasking**

### **Council motion to address sablefish TAC and ABC overages**

**December 11, 2020**

I move that the Council:

Initiate a discussion paper to identify actions for Council consideration that limit trawl sablefish mortality to area sector allocations (TACs and ABCs).

The Council is interested in identifying management tools that prevent or minimize sablefish area- and sector-specific TAC and ABC overages.

The discussion paper should provide relevant data and consider management measures to address sector allocation overages such as:

1. Time/Area closures
2. Reduced allocations to target species with high sablefish bycatch
3. Inter-cooperative agreements and incentive programs
4. Lower maximum retainable allowances (MRA) or extended MRA status (i.e., no trawl sablefish target)
5. Other actions taken by other Councils to manage to sector allocations

Discussion should include management implications of restraining catch to regional, area and sector allocations, any benefits to the sablefish stock of reducing juvenile sablefish fishing mortality, and projected impacts to trawl and fixed gear sectors.