

Council Motion

E1 - EFH Five year review.

April 16, 2021

The Council endorses the SSC suggestions for the EFH five year review, in particular:

- Evaluating the Species Distribution Models and the Fishing Effects Model separately and sequentially.
- Responding to the SSC detailed comments, to the extent practicable.
- Review of the draft EFH research plan in time for the next research priority review cycle.
- Ensuring that the five year review remains a transparent process with ample public input opportunity, and retains an iterative approach.

The Council intends to consider the utility of a HAPC nomination process after receiving the summary report for the five year review.