

**E1 Staff Tasking – Deck Sorting
Council Motion
April 8, 2019**

Council request the Chair and Executive Director review the deck sorting proposed rule, and comment on behalf of the Council as they deem necessary to ensure that the proposed rules are consistent with the Council's objectives for the program. The primary objective is reduction of halibut mortality. The Council intends to review any proposed changes to oversight, observer requirements, and catch accounting protocols to ensure that adaptive management of the deck sorting program remains consistent with the primary objective.