

**C-9 BSAI Abundance based halibut PSC limits**  
**Council motion December 13, 2015**

The Council initiates a workgroup with Council, NMFS, and IPHC staff to identify and evaluate alternative methods to index halibut PSC limits based on halibut abundance (yield). The workgroup should describe potential data and management advantages and challenges provided by alternative methods to index halibut PSC limits based on halibut abundance. The workgroup should also evaluate the effects of various assumptions on an abundance based approach, such as those related to natural mortality (by size and age), growth rates, size composition of PSC by sector, and the long-term potential spawning capital of juvenile halibut with the goal of returning abundance-based recommendations back to the Council as soon as possible.