

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**Motion June 12, 2017 2:55pm**  
**E1 Staff Tasking – Self-Guided Halibut Rental Boats**

The Council direct the Executive Director to draft a letter to both the National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, asking for these organizations to explore the best way to define this type of self-guided commercial entity, and explore a mechanism to create a registration for motorized rental boats in regulatory areas 2C and 3A that intend to harvest halibut. The benefit of this registration is that it fills a data gap in fishery participation by a commercial business entity which allows access resulting in significant harvest of Pacific Halibut. Knowing how many rental boats there are and where they are spatially distributed will help the Council assess the potential impacts of this sector to communities, the halibut resource and other stakeholders in the future.

The expectation is that the NMFS Staff can work with ADF&G and Council staff provide a discussion paper to the Council, that can provide a definition of a self-guided rental boat and mechanisms to move to a regulatory amendment creating a registration, if the Council concludes that this is necessary.