

### **C-5c Council motion**

#### **Process for Spatial Apportionments of Groundfish TACs**

**October 7, 2025**

The Council supports the process described by staff for spatial apportionment of groundfish in the harvest specifications process and requests Council staff provide written guidance to the Plan Teams and SSC as appropriate:

- Spatial apportionment of ABCs will be renamed BRDs (biologically-informed recommended distributions) instead of subarea ABCs, to indicate that the spatial apportionment is based on SSC recommendations to spatially apportion the harvest based on survey or catch data, consistent with status quo.
- SSC calculations for spatial apportionment (BRDs) will continue to be based only on biological information, not socio-economic information (status quo).
- SSC recommendations for spatial apportionment (BRDs) will continue to inform the Council's recommendations on spatial apportionment of TACs. The spatial apportionment of TACs can also include socio-economic factors (status quo).
- The overall intent is for the Council to continue apportioning TACs to mirror the BRDs, similar to past practice.
- If the Council anticipates any stocks or stock complexes where it may want to deviate from BRDs when setting TACs, it intends to use the October/December harvest specifications process to seek quantitative or qualitative input from the Plan Teams and SSC. Useful information from the SSC could include whether the previous year's BRDs, or small changes from the current SSC-recommended BRDs, would be likely to result in biological impacts to the stock or stock complex.