

Council Motion
Agenda Item C6: *C. opilio* Bycatch
December 8, 2018

The Council requests that Council and NMFS staff provide additional data on *C. opilio* bycatch in the directed crab and groundfish fisheries that describes the spatial distribution of bycatch throughout the BSAI by gear and fishery. The Council requests staff provide information on possible gaps in bycatch data, identify regulatory provisions that could hinder the ability to minimize bycatch to the extent practicable, and provide a qualitative description of potential impacts of avoiding *C. opilio* bycatch on fishery participants.

The Council encourages the crab and groundfish industry coordinate to find non-regulatory measures to minimize *C. opilio* bycatch.