

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007-2008
GROUNDFISH FISHERIES-PART II

This meeting marks the initiation of the Council management specifications and management measures decision-making process for 2007-2008 fisheries. The last stock assessments and rebuilding analyses were adopted for management use under agenda item H.2 and a range of optimum yields for each stock and stock complex was adopted under agenda item H.3 allowing for analysis of 2007-2008 harvest specifications. Under this agenda item, the Council should adopt or give guidance on a range of management measures designed to stay within the harvest specifications adopted under agenda item H.3.

The Council should attempt to give as much specific guidance on management measures as possible to facilitate informative impact analysis and preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) over the winter. The DEIS will help the Council develop a preferred suite of 2007-2008 management measures by next April, when a preferred EIS alternative needs to be decided. Helpful guidance would be a range of recreational and commercial allocations for key species such as canary rockfish; a range of season and area restrictions for the primary fishing sectors; a range of trip limits, daily-bag-limits, and other harvest control measures for key target and constraining bycatch species; a range of geographic or sector-specific harvest guidelines; and a sense of how far fisheries should be restricted in 2007-2008 to rebuild depleted species more quickly. The Council could give this specific direction under this agenda item or otherwise delegate the structuring of alternatives to the Groundfish Allocation Committee, which is tentatively scheduled to meet later in November and next January.

Council Action:

Adopt, or give guidance on, a preliminary range of management measures, including initial allocations.

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Report of the GMT
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Adopt, or Give Guidance on, a Preliminary Range of Management Measures, Including Initial Allocations

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