

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2009-2010 GROUND FISH FISHERIES—  
PART I

At this meeting, the initial development of management recommendations for 2009-2010 Groundfish fisheries has been divided into two parts. The tasks under this agenda item (Part I of management recommendations) are to adopt for public review and analysis (1) 2009-2010 acceptable biological catches (ABCs) recommended by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC); (2) a range of optimum yields (OYs); and if possible, (3) preferred OYs for some stocks and stock complexes. Guidance on a preliminary range of 2009-2010 management measures (Part II) will occur under Agenda Item D.9.

To aid the Council in setting harvest specifications, new stock assessments and rebuilding analyses (Agenda Item D.3) were considered by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) at their October meeting to develop a recommended range of 2009-2010 harvest levels (Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 1). The GMT-recommended alternative harvest specifications in Attachment 1 should be characterized as draft recommendations which will be further refined by the GMT at this meeting. Agenda Item D.4.c, Supplemental GMT Report will provide the final range of alternative 2009-2010 groundfish harvest specifications recommended by the GMT. The basis for the alternative OYs recommended by the GMT is provided in Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 2. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 3 depicts the predicted rebuilding times associated with the OY alternatives recommended for overfished species. This display of the trade-off between duration of rebuilding and the allowable harvest of overfished species was a featured element in the Fishery Management Plan Amendment 16-4 decision on rebuilding plans and should likewise be helpful in deciding 2009-2010 harvest specifications for overfished species.

The Council should consider the advice of the GMT, other Council advisory bodies, and the general public before adopting ABCs and a range of OYs for public review and analysis. The Council is also tasked with adopting preferred OYs for as many fishery management plan stocks and stock complexes as possible to facilitate a better focus on 2009-2010 management measures under Agenda Item D.9.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt ABCs recommended by the SSC and a range of OYs.**
- 2. If possible, adopt preferred OYs for some stocks and stock complexes.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 1: TABLE 2-1(a-c). DRAFT GMT-recommended alternatives for acceptable biological catches (ABCs) and total catch optimum yields (OYs) (mt) for 2009 and 2010.
2. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 2: TABLE 2-2. Basis for the 2009-2010 optimum yield alternatives recommended by the GMT for analysis.
3. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 3: TABLE 2-3. Estimated time to rebuild relative to alternative 2009-2010 OYs for depleted West Coast groundfish species.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview John DeVore
- b. Agency and Tribal Comments
- c. Report of the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) Kelly Ames
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Preliminary Acceptable Biological Catches and Optimum Yields (OY), and if Possible, Preferred OYs for some Stocks and Stock Complexes

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