

# Groundfish Workload Priorities

## 2016 ACTIVE PROJECTS<sup>a/, b/</sup>

Litigation Response (8,9,10)	ESA Salmon Consultation (20) Inseason Management (27)	EFH + RCA Modifications (32)	5-Year Trawl Rationalization Review <sup>c/</sup> (34)
Mid-Bienium ACL Adj. and Rebuilding Harvest Rate Adj. (71)	Trawl Gear Modification Exempted Fishing Permit	A21 Alloc. Revisions for POP & DRK, Set-Asides (33)	EM for Non-Whiting Mid-water and Bottom Trawl Fisheries (36)
Allow Between Sector Trading of Quota Pounds (all quota species except whiting) (54, 55)	Stock Assessment & Projection Methods Review (19) <sup>d/</sup>	LE Fixed Gear Sablefish Issues (38)	

## OMNIBUS PROJECTS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 2017<sup>a/</sup>

Recreational and Commercial Discard Survival Rates (66 & 69) <sup>d/</sup> Sablefish/Lingcod IFQ Discard Credit (63) <sup>d/</sup>	Year-Round Coastwide Nonwhiting Midwater Trawl Fishery EFP (57, 58, 59)	Multi-year Average Catch Policy and Resolution of Long-term Non-Whiting Surplus Carryover Provision (47, 60)
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## UNSCHEDULED PROJECTS<sup>a/</sup>

Nearshore Management Issues (37) Rebuilding Revision Rules (43) Stock Complexes (44) Ecosystem Port Sampling Initiative - <i>White Paper and Proposal</i> (45)	Ecosystem Component Species (46) 60 Mile Bank RCA Lines (48) Rougheye Rockfish GCAs (49) Sablefish Conversion Factors (50) Permit Size Endorsements (51) Seabird Avoidance Devices, Vessels <55 feet (52)	RCA adjustments for Pot Vessels (53) Carryover when Management Units Change (61) Trading of Previous Year Quota Pounds (62) Eliminate Prohibition on At-Sea Processing S. of 42° (65)	Halibut Retention S. of Pt. Chehalis (68) 50 fm Depth Restriction (70)
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a/ See Agenda Item G.6.a, Attachment 2, June 2016 for a complete description of each measure.

b/ **Bolded** items are considered core MSA responsibility tasks.

c/ Consideration of the following has been postponed until after the 5-Year Trawl Rationalization Review: QS/QP Control Rule - Safe Harbor for Risk Pools (40); Resolve Long-term Whiting Surplus Carryover Provision (60); and develop criteria for distributing AMP QP (42).

d/ At the September 2016 meeting, the Council adopted for public review the matters in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report and Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report, which include an exploration of #63 Sablefish and Lingcod Discard Mortality Rates and #66 Commercial Discard Mortality Rates (limited exploration).