

**Agenda Item F.7 Council Action:**

**Adopt a Range of Alternatives and, if Appropriate, a Preliminary Preferred Policy Alternative for Mid-Biennium Harvest Specification Adjustments and Provide Further Direction as Necessary**

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**For a mid-biennium harvest specifications increase framework:**

**Adopt the draft statements of purpose and need in Agenda Item F.7, ODFW Supplemental Report, except remove the word “constraining” from the purpose.**

**Affirm the intent to:**

- Only consider a mid-biennium increase in harvest specifications for newly-assessed stocks when it would result in significant benefits to fisheries and communities.**
- Limit consideration of a mid-biennium ACL increase to fall within the range of the pre-specified ACL and the ACL specified under default harvest control rules.**
- Limit management measures that could be considered with a mid-biennium increase in harvest specifications to routine management measures.**

**Adopt the following range of alternatives and preliminary preferred alternative for stocks eligible for a mid-biennium increase in harvest specifications:**

- 1) No Action**
- 2) Overfished stocks scheduled for assessment**
- 3) Any stock scheduled for assessment (PPA)**

**Recommend that a qualitative approach be used to evaluate these alternatives.**

**Request that prior to selection of a final preferred alternative, Council staff develop a draft process and schedule for implementing a green light action in the future. Include an exploration of frontloading workload and of other regions’ harvest specifications process, to inform potential regulatory pathways.**

**Schedule final action for September, 2017.**

**Motion carried unan.**