

# Groundfish Workload Priorities

## 2017 ACTIVE PROJECTS<sup>a/, b/</sup>

<b>Litigation Response (8,9,10)</b>	<b>ESA Salmon Consultation (20) Inseason Management (27)</b>	<b>EFH + RCA Modifications (32)</b>	<b>5-Year Trawl Rationalization Review<sup>c/</sup> (34)</b>
Mid-Bienium ACL Adj. and Rebuilding Harvest Rate Adj. (71)	Trawl Gear Modification Exempted Fishing Permit	Commercial Discard Survival Rates (66) <sup>d/</sup> Sablefish/Lingcod IFQ Discard Credit (63) <sup>d/</sup>	<b>EM for Non-Whiting Mid-water and Bottom Trawl Fisheries (36)</b>
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)	Multi-year Average Catch Policy and Resolution of Long-term Non-Whiting Surplus Carryover Provision (47, 60)
Year-Round Coastwide Nonwhiting Midwater Trawl Fishery EFP (57, 58, 59)			

## OMNIBUS PROJECTS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 2018<sup>a/</sup>

TBD

## UNSCHEDULED PROJECTS<sup>a/</sup>

Nearshore Management Issues (37)	Ecosystem Component Species (46)	RCA adjustments for Pot Vessels (53)	Halibut Retention S. of Pt. Chehalis (68)
Rebuilding Revision Rules (43)	60 Mile Bank RCA Lines (48)	Carryover when Management Units Change (61)	50 fm Depth Restriction (70)
Stock Complexes (44)	Rougheye Rockfish GCAs (49)	Trading of Previous Year Quota Pounds (62)	
Ecosystem Port Sampling Initiative - <i>White Paper and Proposal</i> (45)	Sablefish Conversion Factors (50)	Eliminate Prohibition on At-Sea Processing S. of 42° (65)	
	Permit Size Endorsements (51)	Recreational Discard Survival Rates (69)/	
	Seabird Avoidance Devices, Vessels <55 feet (52)		

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).