

**WORKLOAD RESPONSE TO COUNCIL MOTION UNDER J.1
ADJUSTING NMFS PRIORITIES IN AGENDA ITEM J.1.B, NMFS REPORT 2**

This is an initial workload response for Council consideration. After more detailed review further information or efficiencies may be presented at the November Council meeting. However, the action plan descriptions below represent reasonably reliable staffing commitments that will be planned to occur unless changed by the Council.

Original Item #	Sector	Short Title	Action Plan
A. Items Removed or Significantly Delayed by Council Motion			
19	OA	Amendment 22 - Open Access License Limitation	Council lead; can be removed from Future Work Planning via noticed November 2014 CM Agenda Item to reconsider final action.
32	Trawl IFQ, MS, & CP	Five Year Trawl Rationalization Program Review	Delay onset to Nov. 2016
25	Trawl, Non-Trawl, Rec	Amendment 25: Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment	NMFS lead; assign workload to non-GF staff (Mar 2015)
45	Trawl IFQ, MS & CP	Revise Regulations on At-Sea and Shoreside Flow Scales	NMFS lead; Council defers to NMFS to proceed w/AK model and reduce Council process to regulation deeming; Sept 2015 CM
56	LEFG	Cost Recovery for the Permit Stacking Program	NMFS lead; <i>NMFS will do an initial analysis to determine utility and report to the Council in 2015.</i>
64	Trawl, Non-Trawl, Rec	Management Model Review and Refinement	Address through biennial process (e.g. Trawl IFQ model)
B. Items Added or Adjusted and Accomplishable in the Near Term			
52	Trawl IFQ	Widow Rockfish QS Reallocation	Council staff lead in analysis/NEPA document; ROA at Nov. CM, Final Council Action April 2015
46, 48	Trawl IFQ	Gear Regs Updates [Gear Use - Multiple Gears Onboard & Use; and Remove Certain Restrictions on Trawl Gear Configuration]	NMFS lead; ROA Sept 2015

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44	MS & CP	Elim of Prohib on At-Sea Processing S. of 42° N. Lat	Consider EFP during next EFP cycle.
47a ^a , 66,	Trawl, Non-Trawl, and Rec	Area Modifications [Remove Certain Area-Management Restrictions, Create 60-Mile Bank RCA Lines, Other Modifications]	NMFS lead; conduct concurrent w/EFH Amendment process; begins in April 2015;
39, 43, 47b ^a , 70	Trawl and Non-Trawl	Vessel Movement Monitoring [Increase VMS Ping Rates; Fishery Declaration Enhancements (when moving from MS to IFQ); Movement of Pot Gear Across Management Lines; Provide for Retrieval of Derelict Crab Pots in RCAs]	NMFS lead; Council IT staff assistance; combine w/HMS VMS matter; Explore new technologies beyond VMS; schedule as an Enforcement Agenda Item outside both GF and HMS groupings; first report in April 2015
60	Recreational	Mid-water Sport Fishery (OR and CA)	NMFS lead; June 2015

C. Added or Adjusted Matters to be Accomplished after Near Future Expectations Action Plan			
35	Trawl, Non-Trawl, Rec	Rebuilding Revision Rules (signal vs. noise)	Include in 2017-2018 Spex, if analysis is ready
67	Trawl, Non-Trawl	Reconsider Blackgill Allocation	Take up as part of the off year management measure cycle specified in COP 9 (June 2016)
68	Trawl, Non-Trawl, Rec	Evaluate Nearshore Management Approaches, Including Deferral	Consider ad hoc committee concept in June 2016
69, 72, 74, 76	LE FG	Misc Sablefish Issues [Combine the Fixed Gear LE DTL Fishery and Tier Fishery; Require Permit Price Reporting for LE FG Permit Transfers; Combine Longline and Fishpot into a Single Fixed Gear Limited Entry Gear Endorsements; Pot Gear Retrieval Requirements]	Consider ad hoc committee concept in June 2016
D. Remaining Items as Potential Future Priorities			
36-38, 40-42, 49-51, 53-55, 57-59, 61-63, 65, 71, 75	All	All Remaining	Delayed Until 2017

^a Item 47 has been split between 47a, area modifications, and v47b, vessel movement monitoring, with the issue of movement of pot gear across management lines placed in the vessel movement monitoring item.

Groundfish staff workload.

Action	2015				2016			
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
Routine Halibut incidental regulations (#27)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Routine GF harvest spex	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
inseason actions (#20)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
stock assessments (#21, 28)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
2017-2018 spex process (#29)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
management model review/refinement (#64)	As Part of Biennial Spex Process (see table)				[Blue bar]			
Rebuilding revision rules (#35)	[Blue bar]				As Part of the 2017-2018 Spex (see table)			
Routine Whiting specifications	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Whiting season date change (#11)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Whiting cleanup (#8)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
EM	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
EFPs (#6)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
regulations (#30)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
EFH Phase 3/regulations (#24)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
5-year review - trawl program (#32)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Ecosystem Am 25/regulations (#25)	(see table)				[Blue bar]			
Revise at-sea/shoreside flow scale regs (#45)	Min Council Floor Time (see table)				[Blue bar]			
Sablefish Program	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
regulations from review (#4, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
cost recovery analysis/implementation (#56)	No Action (see table)				[Blue bar]			
Am 22 - OA license limitation (#19)	[Blue bar]				Remove From List (see table)			
Widow rockfish QS reallocation (#52)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Gear reg update	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
multiple gear onboard & use (#46)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
remove some trawl gear restrictions (#48)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Elim Prohib of At-sea Process S. of 42 (#44)	[Blue bar]				Consider EFPs As Part of the 2017-2018 Spex (see table)			
Area modifications	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
RCA modifications (#47)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
60-mile Bank RCA (#66)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Vessel movement monitoring	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
continuous transit vessel monitoring (#39)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
fishery declaration (MS to IFQ only) (#43)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
pot gear across mgmt lines (#47)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
derelict pot gear (#70)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Mid-water sport fishery (OR, CA) (#60)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Reconsider Blackgill Allocation (#67)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Eval Nearshore Mgmt Approaches, Incl Deferral (#68)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
Misc Sablefish Issues (#69,72,74,76)	[Blue bar]				[Blue bar]			
					Evaluate as part of the next COP 9 management measure cycle.			