

NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURE PROCESS

The Council has committed to narrowing the scope of management measures for consideration during the biennial process. Eligible actions include adjusting existing management measures, including those designated as routine, to achieve but not exceed the annual catch limit (ACL). New management measures, which are those not previously analyzed and implemented in regulation, may be included for consideration during the biennial process if they necessary to keep catch within the ACL or address a habitat or protected resources concern. At June Council meetings in even years, the Council would decide which of the new management measures that did not meet the above-mentioned criteria would instead be considered in a subsequent, separate two-meeting process. The following document provides further clarification and examples of how management measures from the 2013-2014 process might be characterized under the new process (Table 1).

Adjustments to designated routine management measures would continue to be proposed in the new biennial process and through inseason action. Inseason adjustments may be announced by a single notification in the *Federal Register* if good cause exists under the Administrative Procedures Act to waive notice and comment, and if they have been designated as routine through the two-meeting process described in the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (see Section 6.2). Most, but not all, trip, bag, and size limits, and area closures in the groundfish fishery have been designated routine.

Management measures available for use in the biennial process also include measures that have not been designated as routine. For example, establishing recreational harvest guidelines are available but are not designated as routine.

New measures are those that have not previously been analyzed or implemented in regulation. New management measures may be analyzed during the biennial process if they are necessary to keep catch within the ACL or address a habitat or protected resources concern. For example, a new Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area could be analyzed in the biennial process if it was needed to keep the mortality of yelloweye within the ACL.

Table 1. Management Measure Examples: Management measures from the 2013-2014 cycle categorized under the new process.

Measure	Category	Available in New Biennial Process
Update coordinates defining RCAs to better approximate depth	Housekeeping to meet original intent	Yes
Catch accounting between limited entry and open access	Housekeeping to meet original a/	Yes
Flexible management of ACL set-asides	New measure	No
Sorting requirements for aurora, shortraker, rougheye north of 40°10 N. latitude	Currently available measure	Yes
Blackgill management measures		
a) Harvest guideline	a) Currently available measure	Yes
b) Sorting requirement	b) Currently available measure	Yes
c) Trip limit adjustments	c) Routine measure	Yes
Longnose skate management measures		
a) RCA adjustments	a) Routine measure	Yes
b) Fixed gear trip limit adjustments	b) Routine measure	Yes
Remove or reduce the lingcod length limit	Routine measure	Yes
Modify the Amendment 21 widow rockfish within trawl allocations	New measure	No
Allow multiple gears on an IFQ trip	New measure	No
Modify trawl gear configurations – 4 seam net	New measure	No
Modify shorebased IFQ accumulation limits	New measure	No

Measure	Category	Available in New Biennial Process
Make issuance of shorebased IFQ carryover a routine measure	New measure	No
Recreational shelf rockfish retention in the CCA	Currently available measure	Yes
Remove the California recreational bocaccio size and fillet limit	Routine measure	Yes

a/ Some housekeeping measures are complex and may require additional Council action to clarify intent. Complex housekeeping changes, while eligible under the new biennial process, may be more efficiently addressed through a separate two meeting process.