

STOCK COMPLEX ALTERNATIVES

Council staff compiled the Slope Rockfish Alternatives from the September Council meeting from the Groundfish Management Team Report ([Agenda Item G.8.b, Supplemental GMT Report 5](#)), in response to the National Marine Fisheries Service report at this meeting ([Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental NMFS Report](#)), which requests the Council consider including slope rockfish alternatives for further analysis.

Status Quo Slope Rockfish Alternative

Table 1. Status quo slope rockfish stocks and stock complexes.

Slope Rockfish Stocks	Slope Rockfish Stock Complexes	
	N of 40°10'	S of 40°10'
Overfished Stocks	Aurora	Aurora
Darkblotched	Bank	Bank
POP N of 40°10'	Blackgill	Blackgill
Non-overfished Stocks	Redbanded	POP
Longspine thornyhead N and S of 34°27'	Rougheye	Redbanded
Shortspine thornyhead N and S of 34°27'	Sharpchin	Rougheye
Splitnose S of 40°10'	Shortraker	Sharpchin
	Splitnose	Shortraker
	Yellowmouth	Yellowmouth

Slope Rockfish Alternative 1

Individual Management Coastwide

Roughey
Shorthead
Aurora
Splitnose
POP

Slope Rockfish Complex A Coastwide

Yellowmouth
Redbanded
Sharpchin

Slope Rockfish Complex B Coastwide

Bank
Blackgill

Slope Alternative #2

Individual Management Coastwide

Splitnose
Bank
POP

Slope Rockfish North of 40°10' Complex

Yellowmouth
Sharpchin
Shorthead
Roughey
Redbanded
Aurora
Blackgill*

Slope Rockfish South of 40°10' Complex

Yellowmouth*
Sharpchin*
Shorthead*
Roughey*
Redbanded
Aurora
Blackgill

*These species have low OFL/ABC contribution to this complex for this area. The determination of whether the policy to prevent overfishing is being violated should be evaluated at the total coastwide OFL.