

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) has reviewed the Preliminary Proposed Meeting Agenda for November and the Year-at-a-glance schedules. In Table 1, the GMT attempted to identify and prioritize which ten groundfish agenda items, and non-groundfish items, we plan to focus our efforts on. As it is the Council who assigns the GMT tasks, we ask the Council to provide guidance if they wish the Team to focus our efforts elsewhere. If there are specific agenda items the Council does not believe the GMT needs to comment on, it would be helpful to have those identified so we know where not to spend our time and efforts.

The GMT is scheduled to meet for a work session the week of September 30 through October 4. Tasks that have been preliminarily identified for this meeting are:

- List of management measures—
 - Determine the workload or amount of analysis required for the list of management measures that is forwarded by the Council for inclusion in the 2015-2016 biennial harvest specifications and management measures process; and
 - Provide information on prioritization.
- Stock complexes—any additional analysis required for the final preferred alternative for the stock complex reorganization.
- Management strategy evaluation of rebuilding plans—develop a list of proposed species and scenarios for examination under this process, with the possible assistance of Dr. Andre Punt
- Socioeconomic items—work with Mr. Ed Waters on the data inputs that the team provides for his Landings Distribution Model (LDM).

The GMT continues their work to update the depth dependent mortality rates for canary and yelloweye rockfish when descending devices are used. We request time with the SSC in March 2014 to support Council action at that time (per the current Year at a Glance Schedule).

The GMT requests travel authorization to arrive October 29, 2013 to participate in the discussion regarding integrating ecosystem information into the groundfish Tier One document that is scheduled for October 30, 2013 in Costa Mesa, California.

Table 1. GMT November agenda item workload (based on the Preliminary Proposed Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting Agenda in the September advance briefing book materials)

	Groundfish Agenda Items	Council Floor	GMT Statement	GMT Priority#
1	Sablefish permit stacking program review	Sat	Maybe	
2	Trawl rationalization trailing actions scoping, process, and prioritization	Sun	Maybe	
3	Consideration of inseason adjustments	Sun	Yes	*
4	Stock assessments from Mop-up Panel and rebuilding analysis for overfished species	Mon	Yes	*
5	Preliminary EFP approval	Mon	Yes	*
6	Further actions for setting fisheries in 2015-2016 & beyond	Mon	Yes	*
7	Consider stock complex	Tues	Yes	*
8	Electronic monitoring: Adopt Range of Alts.	Tues	Likely	*
9	Seabird Avoidance Regs, Final action	Tues	Maybe	
10	Review and approve proposals to modify EFH	Tues/ Wed	Likely	
	Non-Groundfish Agenda Items			
	MONF-3 and other legislative matters	Sun	maybe	
	Pacific halibut--adopt public review options for catch sharing plan changes	Fri	no	
	Administrative	Wed	maybe	
Total Potential Statements by the GMT			9-12	

The Council has final say in priority of Agenda Items. This is what the GMT thinks are the higher priority agenda items, provided here to help inform the Council decision.