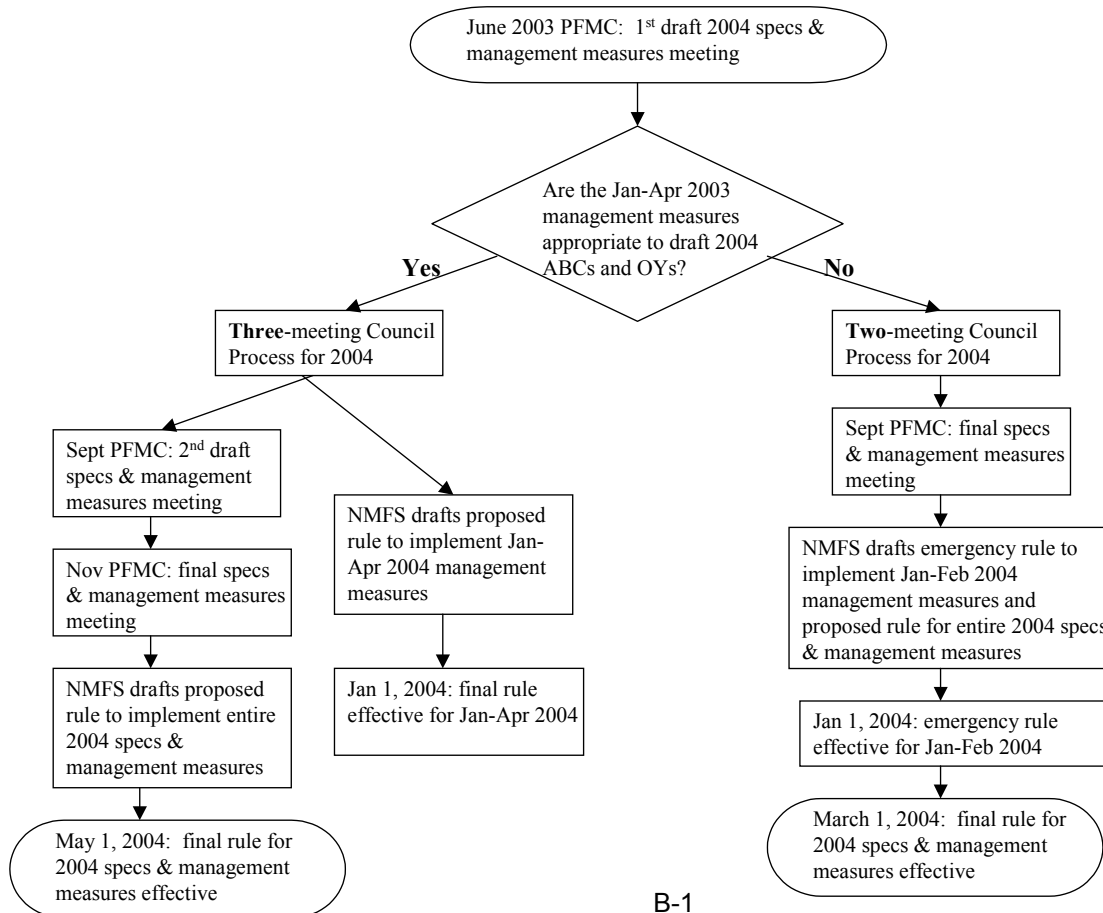


Appendix B

TRANSITION TO MULTI-YEAR MANAGEMENT UNDER PROCESS ALTERNATIVE 3 (COUNCIL PREFERRED)

In order to transition from the current annual management process with two Council meetings for specifications and management measures development to a biennial process with three Council meetings, the Council will be integrating the development processes for the 2004 specifications and management measures and for the 2005-2006 specifications and management measures. The first Council meeting for developing the 2004 specifications and management measures will be in June 2003. At that meeting, the Council will determine whether the January-April 2003 management measures are adequate to meet the management and conservation goals for the draft 2004 ABCs/OYS for January-April 2004. The following flowchart shows how Council and NMFS processes would proceed under the two-meeting and three-meeting processes for 2004 specifications and management measures. Regardless of which process is used for 2004, the Council process for the 2005-2006 specifications and management measures would begin in November 2004.



TRANSITION TO BIENNIAL MANAGEMENT PROCESS UNDER ALTERNATIVE 3 (WITH TWO-MEETING '04 TRANSITION)

	Jan '03	April '03	June '03	Sept '03	Nov '03	Jan '04	Mar/Apr 04	June '04	Sept '04	Nov '04	Jan '05
Stock Assessments	Assessments and STAR for '04 due 5/03					"Off" year for stock assessments. Advanced model development and stock assessment model refinement year.				"On" year begins	
	Assessments and STAR for '05-'06 due 10/03										
Council Process			Proposed '04 Specs	Final '04 Specs	Proposed '05-'06 ABC/OY		Proposed '05-'06 manage measures	Final '05-'06 Specs & manage measures	First "off" year for Council begins 9/04 and ends 11/05. In 11/05, proposed ABC/OY for '07-'08		
NMFS Regulatory Process	Public review and NOAA implementation of Amendment 17				'04 Specs via emergency for Jan-Feb or carry-over if '03 conservative enough			NMFS sends '05-'06 out for public review via proposed rule and implements via final rule by 01/05			
					'04 Specs proposed rule, public review; final rule due 3/04						

TRANSITION TO BIENNIAL MANAGEMENT PROCESS UNDER ALTERNATIVE 3 (WITH THREE-MEETING '04 TRANSITION)

	Jan '03	April '03	June '03	Sept '03	Nov '03	Jan '04	Mar/Apr 04	June '04	Sept '04	Nov '04	Jan '05
Stock Assessments	Assessments and STAR for '04 due 5/03					"Off" year for stock assessments. Advanced model development and stock assessment model refinement year.				"On" year begins	
	Assessments and STAR for '05-'06 due 10/03										
Council Process			Proposed '04 Specs	Proposed '04 manage measures	Final '04 Specs Proposed '05-'06 ABC/OY		Proposed '05-'06 manage measures	Final '05-'06 Specs & manage measures	First "off" year for Council begins 9/04 and ends 11/05. In 11/05, proposed ABC/OY for '07-'08		
NMFS Regulatory Process	Public review and NOAA implementation of Amendment 17				'04 Specs via emergency for Jan- Apr or carry-over if '03 conservative enough			NMFS sends '05-'06 out for public review via proposed rule and implements via final rule by 01/05			
					'04 Specs proposed rule, public review; final rule due 3/04						