

RECOMMENDED GROUNDFISH WORKLOAD FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2000 ^{1/}

Issue	Product(s)	Who	Actions
Strategic Plan	Written plan	Council Family	Final adoption September 2000
Annual Management Process ^{2/}	ABCs, OYs, and mgt. measures. EA/RIR including economic and community analysis.	Staff, NWR	Council: November 2000 Staff: December 2000 NWR: January 1, 2001
Inseason Management	GMT analyses; Council recommended trip limit adjustments; FR notices	GMT, Staff, NWR	April, June, September
Rebuilding Plans/Allocation ^{3/} (cowcod and canary rockfish)	rebuilding plans; regulations with EA/RIR. Emergency rule?	GMT, Staff, NWR, states?	Council: identify process/schedule April; preliminary action June 2000, final adoption of regulations Sept. 2000; adopt rebuilding plans Nov. 2000; Staff/NWR: Nov. -Dec. 2000.
F_{msy}	New default F _{msy} values.	SSC (and GMT)	SSC review: March 2000; Council: preliminary action April 2000 Council: final adoption June, 2000
Rebuilding Amendment	FMP amendment with EA, etc.	Staff, NMFS	Council: final adoption April 2000.
Bycatch Amendment	FMP amendment with EA, etc.	NMFS	Council: preliminary action April 2000; final adoption June 2000.
Generic Observer Regulations	Regulation amendment; EA, etc.	NMFS/NWFSC and NWR, GMT, Staff	Council: final adoption April 2000; NWR/NWFSC: January - July 2000?
Observer Program Design	Program design	NMFS/NWFSC	Council review?
American Fisheries Act (AFA)	Regulation/FMP amendment? EA, etc.	Staff, NWR, General Counsel	Council: option decisions April 2000 Council: action June 2000. NMFS implementation
Marine Reserves- Phase 1	Phase 1 Report and Committee recommendation	Committee, Staff	Council: review Phase 1 report: April; Release for public review: June; decision to begin Phase 2: Sept.
Marine Reserves- Phase 2	marine reserve(s) established		
Legal Gear	new gear regulations, performance standards		
Fixed Gear Permit Stacking	fixed gear stacking program		
Fixed Gear Sablefish IQs	fixed gear IQ program		
Other Rockfish Allocations	rockfish allocations		
IQs for Trawl Gear	trawl IQ program		
Sale of Overages	overage sale program		
Salmon Donation	salmon donation program (factory trawlers)		

(These may be addressed in the groundfish strategic plan)

1/ Groundfish workload needs to be considered in the context of overall Council workload. There are three staff officers who work on groundfish issues. Two of these staff officers also handle responsibilities for

- Coastal Pelagic Species FMP
- Highly Migratory Species FMP
- SSC and SSC subcommittees (groundfish, economic and salmon)
- Salmon economic analyses
- West Coast data committees (PacFIN, RecFIN, EFIN)
- Research and Data Needs and Economic Data Plan

The greatest overlap of responsibilities occurs in the secretarial center where documents are processed and meetings organized for all areas of Council activity.

2/ Annual Management program includes

Stock Assessment Team (STAT) preparation of new assessments	March - July
Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel review of assessments	May-July
Groundfish Management Team (GMT) preliminary ABC recommendations	August
GMT, staff preparation of preliminary draft economic analysis	August-September
Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) review of GMT recommendations	September
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) review of GMT recommendations	September
Council review and adoption of preliminary ABCs, OYs, management measures	September
GMT final ABC, OY recommendations, management measures	October
GMT, staff preparation of Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE)	October
GMT, staff preparation of draft EA for annual specifications	Sept-October
SSC, GAP, Council review of final GMT recommendations	November
Council adoption of final ABCs, OYs, management measures	November
Staff completion of final EA for annual specifications	Nov-December
NMFS, GMT preparation of annual specifications FR notice	Nov-December

3/ Rebuilding plan development (2000) includes

preparation of technical analysis (rebuilding schedule, targets, etc.)	April - June
GAP, GMT, Council scoping session(s) and adoption of schedule, and process	April
SSC, GMT review of technical analysis	June
Development of rebuilding plan components, allocation debates, analysis	June-Sept
Complete rebuilding plans, if possible; Council adopts fishing regulations, if any	September
Staff, GMT complete EA for regulations, if any	Sept - Nov.
Council adopts rebuilding plans, if not already completed	November
Staff, GMT, NWR completion of rebuilding plans; implementation	Nov - December