

AD HOC STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT
ON
REVIEW OF WEST COAST MARINE RESERVE EFFORTS

At the Ad Hoc Groundfish Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Committee (SPOC) August 30 conference call, Mr. Jim Seger reviewed the status of several marine reserves initiatives. He named the individuals recommended by each Council advisory body for the a newly formed marine reserves steering group. The steering group is charged with aiding the Council and its advisory bodies in reacting to external marine reserve proposals. The steering group will be formalized at the September Council meeting and is scheduled to meet prior to the October/November Council meeting.

The SPOC has no specific recommendations on substantive marine reserve issues. However, to ensure full participation and representation for each advisory body, the SPOC recommends the Council provide each steering group representative the ability to designate an alternate (from their respective advisory body). The number of times a representative could designate an alternate should not be limited.

For reference, the SPOC reminds the Council of the Strategic Plan implementation priorities adopted by the Council, noting that the marine reserves item is lower in priority than several other key items:

Rank	Item (section in Strategic Plan)
1.a	Buyback – all gears (C. 3.g)
1.b	Trawl permit stacking (A.3.e)
2	Observers – develop full program (A.5)
3	Review and improve groundfish management process (C.8)
4	Fixed gear permit stacking – sablefish (A.3.d)
5	Open access limited entry (A., C. 3.a,b,c)
6	Allocation
7	Marine reserves (A.6.)
8	Nearshore rockfish delegation (A.1.d)
9	Implement harvest policy recommendations (A.2.a-e)
10	Fixed gear spp endorsements & stacking – non-sablefish
11	Explore regulations to (1) reduce bycatch and (2) access allocations
11	Explore regulatory incentives (regs/gear) to minimize impacts on habitat

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