

In addition to the FMP amendatory language proposed in Appendix A to Draft Amendment 16-1 (Attachment 2 for E.5.), the following amendatory language is moved:

In Section 2.1, “Goals and Objectives for Managing the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery,” Goal #1 would be amended to read as follows –

“Goal 1 – Conservation. Prevent overfishing **and rebuild overfished stocks** by managing for appropriate harvest levels and prevent any net loss of the habitat of living marine resources.”

Also in Section 2.1, Objective #3 would be amended to read as follows –

“Objective 3. For species or species groups ~~which are below the level necessary to produce maximum sustainable yield (MSY)~~ **that are overfished**, ~~consider rebuilding the stock to the MSY level and, if necessary, develop a plan to rebuild the stock~~ **to the MSY level.**”

In Section 4.5.3.4, “Implementation of Actions Required Under the Rebuilding Plan,” insert the following sentence at the beginning of the first paragraph to read as follows –

“Approved rebuilding plans will be fully implemented such that harvest levels, management measures and other groundfish regulations are all consistent with those rebuilding plans.”

In Section 6.5.1.2, “Observers,” the first sentence of the second paragraph of this section would be revised to read as follows –

#### 6.5.1.2 Observers

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“The Regional Administrator ~~may~~ **will** implement an observer program through a Council-approved federal regulatory framework. Details of how observer coverage will be distributed across the West Coast groundfish fleet will be described in an observer coverage plan. NMFS will publish an announcement of the authorization of the observer program and description of the observer coverage plan in the *Federal Register*.”

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