

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM
PROPOSED INSEASON SCENARIOS

Scenario 1

The GMT has developed the following proposed inseason adjustments to be implemented if the new NMFS observer program discard rates are implemented inseason:

Trawl

North of 40°10'

- Implement a total trawl fishery closure

Between 40°10' and 34°27'

- Close trawl fishery deeper than 60 fathoms (current shallow line)
- Reduce trawl trip limits in Period 6 to:
 - Other flatfish = 50,000 lbs/2 mo. with a sublimit for petrale of 20,000 lbs/2 mo.

South of 34°27'

- Close trawl fishery deeper than 100 fathoms (current shallow line)
- Reduce trawl trip limits in Period 6 to:
 - Other flatfish = 50,000 lbs/2 mo. with a sublimit for petrale of 20,000 lbs/2 mo.

Coastwide

- Remove midwater yellowtail trawl opportunity in Period 6

Fixed Gear and Open Access

Coastwide

- Keep current fixed gear RCA boundaries in place for Periods 5 and 6
- Keep current trip limits in place, except no retention of shortspine thornyheads

Scenario 2

If the new discard rates are not implemented inseason, then the GMT recommends the following inseason adjustments:

Trawl

North of 40°10'

- Keep current trawl RCA boundaries in place for Periods 5 and 6
- Reduce DTS trip limits to:

	<u>Large Footrope</u>	<u>Small Footrope</u>
Shortspine	900 lbs/2 mo.	300 lbs/2 mo.
Longspine	4500 lbs/2 mo.	2000 lbs/2 mo.
Sablefish	7000 lbs/2 mo.	2300 lbs/2 mo.
Dover	30,000 lbs/2 mo.	11,000 lbs/2 mo.

South of 40°10'

- Keep current trawl RCA boundaries in place for Periods 5 and 6
- Reduce DTS trip limits to:

Shortspine	900 lbs/2 mo.
Longspine	4500 lbs/2 mo.
Sablefish	7000 lbs/2 mo.
Dover	30,000 lbs/2 mo.

Coastwide

- Remove midwater yellowtail trawl opportunity in Period 6

Fixed Gear

North of 36°

- Change daily trip limit sablefish limits to 900 lbs/week, no more than 3600 lbs/2 mo.; no change to the daily limits

South of 36°

- Keep current limits in place for daily trip limit sablefish fishery