

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007-2008
GROUNDFISH FISHERIES—PART I

At this meeting, the initial development of management recommendations for 2007-2008 Groundfish fisheries has been divided into two parts (see Attachment 1 for the complete management process schedule). The tasks under this agenda item (Part I of management recommendations) are to adopt for public review and analysis (1) 2007-2008 acceptable biological catches (ABCs); (2) a range of optimum yields (OYs); and if possible, (3) preferred OYs for some stocks and stock complexes. The ABC and OY levels are to be adopted as two, single-year sets: one for the 2007 fishing year and one for the 2008 fishing year. Guidance on a preliminary range of 2007-2008 management measures (Part II) will occur under Agenda Item H.12.

To aid the Council in setting management specifications, new stock assessments and rebuilding analyses (Agenda Item H.2.a, Attachments 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) were considered by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) at their October meeting to develop a recommended range of 2007-2008 harvest levels, which will be presented in Agenda Item H.3.c, Supplemental GMT Report. The Council should consider the advice of the GMT, other Council advisory bodies, and the general public before adopting ABCs and a range of OYs for public review and analysis. The Council is also tasked with adopting preferred OYs for as many fishery management plan stocks and stock complexes as possible to facilitate a better focus on 2007-2008 management measures under Agenda Item H.12.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt preliminary ABCs and a range of OYs.**
- 2. If possible, adopt preferred OYs for some stocks and stock complexes.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 1: Pacific Fishery Management Council and National Marine Fisheries Service Schedule and Process for Developing 2007-2008 Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Report of the GMT
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Preliminary ABC's and OY's, and if Possible, Preferred OY's for some Stocks and Stock Complexes
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