

PART I OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2007-2008 FISHERIES

The Council is scheduled to adopt a refined range of 2007-2008 management measure alternatives and, if possible, a tentative preferred alternative for formal analysis and public review under this agenda item and Agenda Item F.6. Management measure alternatives are intended to meet, but not exceed the preferred optimum yields (OYs) adopted under Agenda Item F.1. The range of management measure alternatives should also attempt to explore the key management issues in 2007 and 2008 as described in section 1.3.4 of the preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) being developed to analyze 2007-2008 groundfish harvest specifications, management measures, and Amendment 16-4 rebuilding plans (see Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1). A refined range of management measure alternatives should include catch sharing options for depleted groundfish species and any other constraining groundfish species without a fixed allocation, and include alternative strategies that meet the overarching objectives of providing fishing opportunities equitably across sectors while meeting the conservation needs of depleted and prohibited species (i.e., alternative seasons, size and bag limits, specific areas closed or open to fishing, trip limits, gear restrictions, and other management measures).

Proposed management measure alternatives for recreational and nearshore commercial fisheries in Washington (note: nearshore commercial fisheries are not allowed in Washington state waters), Oregon, and California are included in Agenda Item(s) F.5.b, WDFW Report, ODFW Report, CDFG Report, and CDFG Report 2. Alternative Cowcod Conservation Area boundaries, one of the key management issues described in Section 1.3.4 of the preliminary DEIS, are described in Agenda Item F.5.b, CDFG Report 3. Analysis of bycatch of canary rockfish, yelloweye rockfish, and lingcod in the northern salmon troll fishery, another key management issue described in Section 1.3.4, is included in Agenda Item F.5.b, WDFW Report 2. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) also analyzed impacts of alternative limited entry trawl (bottom trawl and whiting fisheries) and limited entry and open access fixed gear management measures. These analyses are included in Agenda Item F.5.c, GMT Report.

The Council should consider these proposals and analyses, as well as advice from advisory bodies and the public before adopting a preliminary range of management measures for further analysis. The Council may want to request additional analysis by the GMT and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) under this agenda item. Results for any requested analyses can be provided on Friday under Agenda Item F.6, when the Council is scheduled to adopt a final refined range of 2007-2008 management measure alternatives for analysis in the DEIS. If possible, the Council should adopt a tentative preferred alternative then as well, so as to allow intensified analysis between the April and June Council meetings. Final Council action on a preferred 2007-2008 management measure alternative is scheduled for June.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt a Preliminary Range of Refined Management Measures For 2007-2008.**
- 2. Provide Guidance to the GMT and GAP for Further Analysis of Management Measure Alternatives (if Necessary).**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.5.b, WDFW Report: Washington Department of Fish And Wildlife Report on Preliminary Management Measure Alternatives for 2007-08 Groundfish Fisheries.
2. Agenda Item F.5.b, WDFW Report 2: Estimation of Bycatch in the Northern Salmon Troll Fishery.
3. Agenda Item F.5.b, ODFW Report: Proposed Management Measures for the 2007-08 Oregon Recreational Groundfish Fishery.
4. Agenda Item F.5.b, CDFG Report: Proposed Management Measures for the 2007-08 California Recreational Groundfish Fishery.
5. Agenda Item F.5.b, CDFG Report 2: Preliminary Practical Range of Management Specification Options for California's 2007-2008 Commercial and Recreational Groundfish Fisheries.
6. Agenda Item F.5.b, CDFG Report 3: Cowcod Conservation Area (CCA) Management Alternatives for 2007-2008 Groundfish Management.
7. Agenda Item F.5.c, GMT Report: Analysis of Preliminary Commercial Groundfish Management Measure Alternatives.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. State, Tribal, and Federal Agency Recommendations
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comments
 - e. **Council Action:** Adopt a Preliminary Range of Refined Management Measures
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