

**Issues to Consider in the 2009-2010 Groundfish Specifications and Management Measures Process.**

<b>Issues</b>
Tribal whiting allocations
Separate trip limits/mgmt measures in limited entry fixed gear for line vs. pot/trap gears
Trawl trip limits/mgmt measures specified at a finer geographic scale
Groundfish Fishing Areas (aka "cold spots"), Rockfish Conservation Areas (aka "hot spots") in lieu of larger Rockfish Conservation Areas
Sector-specific bycatch caps in whiting fishery
Seasonal (i.e., phased-in) bycatch caps for the whiting fishery
Changing season start dates in the whiting fishery
Consider closing the whiting fishery on a projection of attaining a bycatch cap rather than waiting until the bycatch cap has been attained or exceeded
Consider shorter notice for closing the non-treaty whiting fishery upon attaining a bycatch cap or a whiting quota
Analyze unmonitored midwater trawl efforts in the trawl Rockfish Conservation Area during the primary season by vessels sorting catch w/o 100% observer coverage
Consider re-defining at-sea processing to allow some minimal processing at-sea by small vessels
Consider changes to whiting trip limits using bottom trawls
Declaration for trawl vessels to fish exclusively seaward or shoreward of the Rockfish Conservation Area on a New essential fish habitat closed areas (i.e., Olympic National Marine Sanctuary?)
Consider changing the length variance in limited entry permit length endorsements from 5 feet to ? (10 ft
Consider dropping vessel ownership from the definition of ownership and control of a sablefish tier; Ownership of less than 50% of a vessel would not count towards ownership and control of a sablefish tier
Sorting requirement for skates and other groundfish species
Request coordinates for 20 fm boundary line approximation off CA
Add coordinate points on all contour lines for each latitude of interest, at all crossings of that latitude
Check all Rockfish Conservation Area lines to eliminate all cross-overs
Adjust the 50, 60, and 75 fm lines off San Diego (lines in other areas off CA) to more closely approximate the fathom contours, as applicable
Consider managing recreational groundfish catch in numbers instead of weight
Yelloweye spatial analysis
Consider allowing limited entry fixed gear fishermen to access their allocations using open access gears
No retention regulations for bronzespotted rockfish
Shortbelly specifications
Change the 0-1 nm longlining prohibition in CA to 0-0.5 nm
More timely implementation of inseason adjustments
More routine management measures that can be adjusted during inseason action
Allow conversion of longlines to pots/traps
Federal electronic fish tickets and logbooks
One trawl gear on board (per trip or per period)
Mandatory logbooks for charterboat fishing trips