

PART I OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2009-2010 FISHERIES

The Council is scheduled to adopt a range of 2009-2010 management measure alternatives and, if possible, a tentative preferred alternative for formal analysis and public review under this agenda item and Agenda Item H.7. Management measure alternatives are intended to meet, but not exceed the preferred optimum yields (OYs) adopted under Agenda Item H.1. The 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). The range of management measure alternatives should also attempt to explore the key management issues in 2009 and 2010 as recommended Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the California Department of Fish and Game and decided by the Council in November 2007 (Attachments 1 and 2, respectively).

A central challenge in developing a range of 2009-2010 management measures will be minimizing the bycatch of canary and yelloweye rockfish. The Council guidance in November, 2007 was to assume the canary and yelloweye catch proportions by sector and state as provided in the GMT's initial 2007 bycatch scorecard developed in November, 2006 in initial analysis of management measures. Agenda Item H.5.a, Attachment 3 provides supplemental recent year catch estimates and other information to aid in developing these initial analyses, including the GMT's 2007 scorecard produced in the November, 2006 Council meeting; the 2006 total mortality report developed by the NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; recently revised 2005-2007 California recreational catch estimates; preliminary 2007 recreational catch estimates of canary and yelloweye rockfish by state relative to the respective harvest guidelines; and initial 2009-2010 catch sharing options for canary and yelloweye rockfish developed by the GMT. Recent year total catch estimates by sector relative to specified OYs from 1995-2005 are also provided in Volume 1 of the Council's recently published Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) document (included with the briefing book).

Other attachments useful for developing a range of 2009-2010 management measures include a proposed range of alternative 2009-2010 management measures for the Oregon recreational groundfish fishery (Agenda Item H.5.b, ODFW Report) and relevant public comments received by the April briefing book deadline (Agenda Item H.5.d, Public Comment). The Council should consider these proposals, 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 Saturday under Agenda Item H.7, when the Council is scheduled to adopt a final refined range of 2009-2010 management measure alternatives for analysis in the DEIS. If possible, the Council should adopt a tentative preferred alternative then as well to allow intensified analysis between the April and June Council meetings. Final Council action on a preferred 2009-2010 management measure alternative is scheduled for the June Council meeting.

Council Action:

1. **Adopt a Preliminary Range of Refined Management Measures For 2009-2010.**
2. **Provide Guidance to the GMT and GAP for Further Analysis of Management Measure Alternatives (if Necessary).**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.5.a, Attachment 1: 2009-2010 Management Issues Recommended by the GMT in November 2007.
2. Agenda Item H.5.a, Attachment 2: California Department of Fish and Game Practical Range of Management Specifications for California's 2009-2010 Commercial and Recreational Groundfish Fisheries.
3. Agenda Item H.5.a, Attachment 3: Recent Year Catch Estimates Relevant to Deciding a Range of 2009-2010 Management Measures.
4. Agenda Item H.5.b, ODFW Report: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Preliminary Management Measure Alternatives for the 2009-2010 Oregon Recreational Groundfish Fisheries.
5. Agenda Item H.5.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

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