

## PRELIMINARY PREFERRED MANAGEMENT MEASURE ALTERNATIVES

This is the final step at this meeting to adopt final preferred harvest specifications and select preliminary preferred adjustments to routine management measures, including allocations, for 2017-2018 groundfish fisheries. Under Agenda Item F.3, the Council is scheduled to adopt final preferred harvest specifications; any remaining harvest specifications can be adopted under Agenda Item F.6. Integrated alternatives that pair the harvest specification alternatives with routine adjustments to management measures can be found in Chapter 4 of Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1. Under this agenda item, the Council is scheduled to adopt preliminary preferred alternatives for adjustments to routine management measures for public review. Detailed descriptions of anticipated Council actions are described in Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 1, Action Item Checklist. Final action to decide management measures for 2017-2018 groundfish fisheries is scheduled for the June 2016 Council meeting.

Decisions are made each biennium to allocate canary rockfish between the trawl and non-trawl fisheries. These allocations cannot be modified inseason, nor can they be adjusted mid-biennium. Canary rockfish is further allocated within the trawl sector (shorebased individual fishing quota program, mothership, catcher-processor) and the non-trawl sector (limited entry and open access fixed gears and recreational). Council guidance from November 2015 was to allocate canary rockfish using the proportions in the September 2015 scorecard. Furthermore, the Council requested a wide range of two-year allocations be considered based on historical catch and pre-season allocations by sector. A draft white paper containing allocation considerations is provided under Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2.

In November 2015, the Council also forwarded several new management measures for preliminary analysis. Council guidance in November was that the new management measure analysis was a secondary priority, to be completed after the harvest specifications and integrated alternatives analysis. A draft of the new management measure analysis is provided in Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 3. The National Marine Fisheries Service is expected to provide a supplemental report detailing the work necessary to refine the new management measure analysis necessary to support consideration of final action in June, results of the National Environmental Policy Act scoping, and any schedule implications that may arise by including the new management measures in the biennial package.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt any remaining final harvest specifications.**
- 2. Adopt preliminary preferred adjustments to routine management measures, including allocations.**
- 3. Identify new management measures to be analyzed and considered for final action at the June Council meeting. Identify preliminary preferred measures, if possible.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 1: Action Item Checklist.
2. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2: Draft Two-Year Allocation Options for Canary Rockfish.
3. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 3: Draft Appendix B - Additional Management Measure Analysis and New Management Measures Analysis.
4. Agenda Item F.6.b, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- F.6 Preliminary Preferred Management Measures Alternatives  
for 2017-2018 Fisheries Kelly Ames, John DeVore
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Any Remaining Harvest Specifications and Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Management Measures in 2017-2018 Fisheries

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