

Groundfish Workload Priorities

2016 ACTIVE PROJECTS^{a/, b/}

<p>Litigation Response (8,9,10) 17-18 Spex and New MM^{c/} (16)</p> <p>Vessel Movement Monitoring (4) EM Whiting and Fixed Gear Regulations (7) Trawl Gear Changes (13)</p>	<p>ESA Salmon Consultation (20) Inseason Management (27)</p> <p>Mid-water Sport Fishery (15) Stock Assessment Plan & TOR (17) Stock Assessment & Projection Methods Review (19)</p>	<p>EFH + RCA Modifications (32)</p> <p>Multi-Area Trawl Gear Regs^{e/} (31) A21 Alloc. Revisions for POP & DRK, Set-Asides (33)</p>	<p>5-Year Trawl Rationalization Reviewed^{d/} (34)</p> <p>EM for Bottom Trawl & Non-Whiting Mid-water Fisheries (36) Nearshore Management Issues (37) LE Fixed Gear Sablefish Issues (38)</p>
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OMNIBUS PROJECTS POSTPONED TO 2017^{a/}

UNSCHEDULED PROJECTS^{a/}

<p>Rebuilding Revision Rules (43) Stock Complexes (44)^{b/} Ecosystem Port Sampling Initiative - <i>White Paper and Proposal</i> (45) Ecosystem Component Species (46)^{b/} Multi-Year Average Catch Policy (47) 60 Mile Bank RCA Lines (48) Rougheye Rockfish GCAs (49)</p>	<p>Sablefish Conversion Factors (50) Permit Size Endorsements (51) Seabird Avoidance Devices, Vessels <55 feet (52) RCA adjustments for Pot Vessels (53) Intersector Transfer OF'd Species. (54) Transfer of Rockfish from IFQ to MS (55)^{b/} Trawl Records Retention (56) Year Round Whiting and 5% Cap Elim. (57)</p>	<p>Remove Certain Midwater Area-Mgt Restrictions (58) Trawl Gear Regs Update II (59) Long-term Non-Whiting Surplus Carryover (60) Carryover when Management Units Change (61) Trading of Previous Year Quota Pounds (62) Discard Credit Lingcod & Sablefish (63) First Receiver Site Licenses (64) Eliminate Prohibition on At-Sea Processing S. of 42°(65)</p>	<p>Discard Mortality Rates for Comm. Fisheries (66) Flatfish Gear Restrictions in CA (67) Halibut Retention S. of Pt. Chehalis (68) Discard Mortality Rates Recreational (69) 50 fm Depth Restriction (70)</p>
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a/ See Agenda Item G.6.a, Attachment 2, June 2016 for a complete description of each measure.

b/ **Bolded** items are considered core MSA responsibility tasks.

c/ The 2017-2018 package includes reclassifying big skate as "in the fishery" (final) and the following preliminary preferred measures: retention of flatfish at any depth during the seasonal depth closure in Oregon, new inseason process for California, overfished species hotspot closures in California, and retention of petrale sole and starry flounder during the season depth closure in California. Transfer of rockfish from the IFQ to MS sector (55) was considered but not included in the preliminary preferred alternative.

d/ Consideration of the following has been postponed until after the 5-Year Trawl Rationalization Review: QS/QP Control Rule - Safe Harbor for Risk Pools (40); Resolve Long-term Whiting Surplus Carryover Provision (41); and develop criteria for distributing

e/ Council action on most of the gear package (Item 13) was completed March 2016 except for fishing in multiple management areas--listed here separately as item 31.