

# Groundfish Workload Priorities

## 2016 ACTIVE PROJECTS<sup>a/, b/</sup>

Litigation Response (8,9,10)	ESA Salmon Consultation (20) Inseason Management (27)	EFH + RCA Modifications (32)	5-Year Trawl Rationalization Review <sup>d/</sup> (34)
Mid-Bienium ACL Adj. and Rebuilding Harvest Rate Adj. (71) Allow Between Sector Trading of Quota Pounds (all quota species except whiting) (54, 55)	<del>Stock Assessment Plan &amp; TOR (17)</del>  Stock Assessment & Projection Methods Review (19)	<del>Trawl Gear Regs (31)</del>  A21 Alloc. Revisions for POP & DRK, Set-Asides (33)	EM for Non-Whiting Mid-water and Bottom Trawl Fisheries (36) <del>Nearshore Management Issues (37)</del> (moved to below)  LE Fixed Gear Sablefish Issues (38)

## OMNIBUS PROJECTS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 2017<sup>a/</sup>

<u>Recreational and Commercial Discard Survival Rates (66 &amp; 69)</u> <u>Sablefish/Lingcod IFQ Discard Credit (63)</u>	<u>Year-Round Coastwide Nonwhiting Midwater Trawl Fishery (57, 58, 59)</u>	<u>Multi-year Average Catch Policy and Resolution of Long-term Non-Whiting Surplus Carryover Provision (47, 60)</u>
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## UNSCHEDULED PROJECTS<sup>a/</sup>

(struck-thru items have been moved into the above rows, shaded items are those the GAP recommended be dropped)

Nearshore Management Issues (37)	Sablefish Conversion Factors (50)	<del>Remove Certain Midwater Area Mgt Restrictions (58)</del>	<del>Discard Mortality Rates for Comm. Fisheries (66)</del>
Rebuilding Revision Rules (43)	Permit Size Endorsements (51)	<del>Trawl Gear Regs Update II (59)</del>	Flatfish Gear Restrictions in CA (67)
Stock Complexes (44) <sup>b/</sup>	Seabird Avoidance Devices, Vessels <55 feet (52)	<del>Long term Non-Whiting Surplus Carryover (60)</del>	Halibut Retention S. of Pt. Chehalis (68)
Ecosystem Port Sampling Initiative - <i>White Paper and Proposal</i> (45)	RCA adjustments for Pot Vessels (53)	Carryover when Management Units Change (61)	<del>Discard Mortality Rates Recreational (69)</del>
Ecosystem Component Species (46) <sup>b/</sup>	<del>Intersector Transfer of Species (54)</del>	Trading of Previous Year Quota Pounds (62)	50 fm Depth Restriction (70)
<del>Multi-Year Average Catch Policy (47)</del>	<del>Transfer of Rockfish from IFQ to MS (55)<sup>b/</sup></del>	<del>Discard Credit Lingcod &amp; Sablefish (63)</del>	
60 Mile Bank RCA Lines (48)	Trawl Records Retention (56)	First Receiver Site Licenses (64)	
Rougheye Rockfish GCAs (49)	<del>Year Round Whiting and 5% Cap Elim. (57)</del>	Eliminate Prohibition on At-Sea Processing S. of 42° (65)	

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 final 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. Overfished species hotspot closures in California and transfer of rockfish from the IFQ to MS sector (55) was considered but not included in the preliminary final 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 (60); and develop criteria for distributing AMP QP (42).