

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON 5-YEAR CATCH SHARE
PROGRAM AND INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION REVIEW PLANS AND FISHERY
MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) reviewed the briefing book materials on the five-year review, and had a question and answer period with Mr. Jim Seger, Council Staff, Ms. Abigail Harley, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and Dr. Lisa Pfeiffer, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC). The GMT provides the following comments for Council consideration.

The GMT appreciates the thoroughness of the proposed blueprint ([Agenda Item F.6.a, Blueprint](#)) and the extent to which metrics are identified to address the numerous objectives of the trawl catch shares program. The proposed metrics cover a wide diversity of economic, community, environmental, and management performance. Additionally, the blueprint identifies many outside research efforts that can be utilized in this review.

The GMT will continue to track and provide comment on the review as the process moves forward. To facilitate evaluation of the 5-year review document, the GMT requests access to a draft as soon as possible, prior to the June 2017 Council meeting, when the public review draft will be presented to the Council. Given the level of detail included in the blueprint outline, it will likely result in a lengthy final document. Having the ability to receive the document in advance of the briefing book will allow the GMT to assign team member responsibilities and ensure proper review is not preempted by other Council-related workload.

Regarding the review of inter-sector allocations, the GMT recommended in its June statement ([Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental GMT Report](#)) that there should be timely identification of resources to accomplish this review, so that the time lag between its completion and the five year catch-share review would be minimized. To this end, the GMT supports the [Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 3](#) proposed approach of compiling the currently available information over winter as a means to move forward with the intersector allocation review.

In September, the GMT requested that an updated version of Appendix E be provided for review, including the two GMT recommended modifications. However, due to competing workload priorities, we were unable to complete an additional review at this time.

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