

INITIAL SCOPING OF INCORPORATING NEW CARRYOVER PROVISIONS IN WEST
COAST FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS;
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Council considered new carryover provisions allowed under revised National Standard 1 guidelines under Agenda Item C.2 at this meeting. The considerations for incorporating these new carryover provisions in West Coast fishery management plans (FMPs) have thus far focused on a potential Groundfish FMP amendment; however, the Council also discussed the potential applicability of these new carryover provisions in the other West Coast FMPs. In that discussion, the Council was informed that these provisions would not be applicable for salmon management since there is an annual specifications decision-making process prescribed in the salmon FMP. Regarding the potential applications of these new carryover provisions for the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) and Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) FMPs, it was noted these carryover provisions may not be applicable to the HMS FMP given that harvest specifications are decided in international forums in processes specified in international treaties. It was thought there was some probability these provisions could be potentially useful in CPS management.

The Council tasked staff to recommend a process and timeline for consideration of application to CPS and HMS FMS under this agenda item. The following process steps are recommended:

- Solicit feedback from the HMS Management Team on the potential efficacy of amending the HMS FMP to incorporate carryover provisions. Their feedback is anticipated under this agenda item.
- Request NOAA General Counsel provide an evaluation of provisions specified in international treaties that govern HMS management to better understand whether new carryover provisions could be applicable to West Coast HMS management. This feedback is anticipated in April.
- Solicit feedback from the CPS Management Team and CPS Advisory Subpanel on the potential efficacy of carryover provisions in West Coast CPS management. Their feedback is anticipated under the Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning agenda item in April.
- Solicit feedback from the Scientific and Statistical Committee on the potential efficacy of carryover provisions in West Coast CPS management. Their feedback is anticipated under the Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning agenda item in April.
- Request the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provide feedback on the potential of analyzing an alternative to modify a year-2 groundfish overfishing limit as part of a potential carryover provision as recommended by the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ([Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report, March 2017](#)). This feedback is anticipated in April.
- At the June 2017 meeting, the Council would consider under which FMP(s) carryover provisions may be pursued.
- At the September 2017 meeting, the Council would initiate formal FMP amendment scoping for the Groundfish FMP pending receipt of special project funding requested from NMFS.