

BIENNIAL HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2019-2020

In June, the Council adopted a process and schedule for deciding harvest specifications and management measures for 2019-2020 groundfish fisheries (see [Agenda Item F.7, Attachment 1, June 2017](#)). Based on this schedule, the Council began deciding groundfish harvest specifications and providing input on new management measures for 2019-2020 groundfish fisheries at the September meeting. At this meeting, the Council is tasked with adopting final 2019 and 2020 overfishing limits (OFLs), final acceptable biological catches (ABCs), and a preliminary range of annual catch limits (ACLs) to be further analyzed if there is a desire to depart from default harvest control rules (HCRs). The Council should also adopt preliminary preferred ACLs, if possible, and a preliminary preferred target rebuilding year for yelloweye rockfish at this meeting. The selection of new management measures for 2019 and 2020 groundfish fisheries for detailed analysis will be decided under Agenda Item F.9.

Proposed 2019 and 2020 harvest specifications are provided in Attachment 1. Those harvest specifications highlighted in the tables provided in Attachment 1 are presumptive pending Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) endorsement of the OFLs, stock categories, and sigma values; the un-highlighted specifications were adopted in September. Attachment 2 documents the basis for the depletion-based stock reduction analysis (DBSRA) used to estimate the OFLs for cabezon off Washington. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 3 documents the basis for the DBSRA estimate of OFLs for starry flounder and Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 4 provides Council requested projections of harvest specifications for lingcod. The OFLs, ABCs, and ACLs for yelloweye rockfish under default HCRs are provided in the new yelloweye rockfish rebuilding analysis (Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 2). The SSC will review these analyses and make their recommendations for OFLs, sigmas, and stock categories at this meeting.

The Council should consider the briefing book materials, as well as advisory body and public comments before deciding final 2019 and 2020 OFLs, ABCs, preliminary preferred ACLs, and a target rebuilding year for yelloweye rockfish.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt Final SSC-Endorsed 2019 and 2020 Overfishing Limits.**
- 2. Adopt SSC-Endorsed Sigmas and Stock Categories.**
- 3. Adopt Final 2019 and 2020 Acceptable Biological Catches.**
- 4. Adopt Preliminary Preferred 2019 and 2020 Annual Catch Limits.**
- 5. Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Target Rebuilding Year for Yelloweye Rockfish.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 1: 2019 and 2020 Groundfish Harvest Specifications.
2. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2: Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis estimates of sustainable yield for cabezon (*Scorpaenichtys marmoratus*) in waters off Washington state.
3. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 3: Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis (DB-SRA) for Starry Flounder (*Platichthys stellatus*) in U.S. Waters off California, Oregon and Washington.

4. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 4: Executive Summary of “2017 Lingcod Stock Assessment”.
5. Agenda Item F.6.a, WDFW Report 1: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Report on Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2019-2020.
6. Agenda Item F.6.a, GMT Report 1: Groundfish Management Team Report on Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2019-2020.

Agenda Order:

- F.6 Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2019-2020 John DeVore/Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2019-2020 Overfishing Limits, Final P*/Acceptable Biological Catches, Preliminary Preferred Annual Catch Limits for Stocks and Stock Complexes, and Consider Associated Issues Other Than Management Measures

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