

FINAL ACTION TO ADOPT MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2019-2020 FISHERIES

The process to adopt the 2019-2020 harvest specifications and management measures began in June 2017 and culminates at this meeting with final action scheduled under this agenda item. There are four overarching decisions that must be made under Agenda Item E.4 and the substance of each of these decisions is briefly described below. Detailed descriptions of anticipated Council actions are described in the Action Item Checklist (Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 1).

- Decision 1: Confirm final 2019-2020 harvest specifications and default harvest control rules for all groundfish stocks and stock complexes. Materials informing this decision include the draft environmental assessment ([EA], Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 2 available *electronically only*) and excerpted harvest specification tables from Attachment 2 (Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 3).
- Decision 2: Adopt final management measures, including two-year allocations and adjustments to routine management measures (Appendix A to the draft EA, Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 4).
- Decision 3: Adopt any changes to the yelloweye rockfish rebuilding plan, including a target year to rebuild the stock (T_{TARGET}) and a specified harvest control rule (Appendix B to the draft EA, Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 5). The Council's preliminary preferred alternative for changes to the yelloweye rebuilding plan include a spawning potential ratio (SPR) harvest rate of 70%, which has a median probability of rebuilding by 2028.
- Decision 4: Adopt final new management measures to be implemented in regulation starting in 2019 (Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 5). In April 2018, the following new management measures were identified as preliminary preferred: 1) status quo allocation proportions to determine fishery harvest guidelines; 2) 2017 trip limits for commercial non-trawl fisheries except those for sablefish, canary rockfish, darkblotched rockfish and other slope rockfish, and thornyheads north as recommended by the Groundfish Management Team ([GMT](#)), as well as those for lingcod recommended by the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ([GAP](#)); 3) treaty Indian management measures as recommended by the [treaty tribes](#); 4) Washington recreational management measures as recommended by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ([WDFW](#)) and the [GMT](#); 5) status quo Oregon recreational management measures described in Federal regulations as of April 10, 2018, except allow all depth fishing in April and September; 6) California recreational management measures corresponding to Option 2 as recommended by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ([CDFW](#)); 7) new salmon mitigation measures for groundfish fisheries; 8) new stock complexes for Washington and Oregon stocks (Proposal 1 and Proposal 2, Option 3 as described by the [GMT](#)); 9) elimination of the daily vessel limits for all species in the limited entry trawl individual fishing quota (IFQ) fishery; 10) implementation of survival credits for lingcod and sablefish in the IFQ fishery; 11) continuation of the Adaptive Management pass-through in the IFQ fishery; 12) removal of automatic authority established by Amendment 16-3 of the Groundfish FMP for darkblotched rockfish and Pacific ocean perch in the at-sea whiting fishery; 13) allowing commercial non-trawl and recreational fishing inside of 40 fathoms in the Western Cowcod Conservation Area; and 14) an analysis of allowing an incidental lingcod to Chinook salmon retention in the salmon troll fishery up to 1 lingcod per 5 Chinook retained while maintaining a 10 lingcod trip limit and within the open access monthly limit.

This agenda item is scheduled to begin on Sunday, June 10 with the objective of completing the reports and comments of advisory bodies and management entities as well as public comment. The agenda item would then continue on Tuesday, June 12 with Council discussion and action. Regulations implementing Council action are expected on January 1, 2019.

Council Action:

1. **Confirm final 2019-2020 harvest specifications and default harvest control rules for all groundfish stocks and stock complexes.**
2. **Adopt final 2019-2020 season structures and management measures.**
3. **Adopt final changes to the yelloweye rebuilding plan, including specifying a T_{TARGET} and a harvest control rule.**
4. **Adopt final new management measures to be implemented in 2019.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 1: Action Item Checklist.
2. Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 2: Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery 2019-2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures: Analytical Document Organized as a Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (**Electronic Only**).
3. Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 3: Preferred 2019 and 2020 harvest specifications (overfishing limits (OFLs in mt), acceptable biological catches (ABCs in mt), and annual catch limits (ACLs in mt)), for west coast groundfish stocks and stock complexes under preferred harvest control rules.
4. Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 4: Draft Appendix A - Integrated Alternatives Analysis.
5. Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 5: Draft Appendix B - Consideration of Changes to the Yelloweye Rockfish Rebuilding Plan.
6. Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 6: Draft Appendix C - New Management Measures Detailed Analysis.

Agenda Order:

- E.4 Final Action to Adopt Management Measures for 2019-2020 Fisheries John DeVore
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Rebuilding Plan Revisions and Harvest Specifications for Yelloweye Rockfish and Final Preferred Management Measures for 2019-20 Fisheries

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