

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

In March 2019, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) adopted the Groundfish Management Team's (GMT) proposed groundfish workload prioritization process. Attachment 1 shows our workload matrix to help the Council better understand the progress on ongoing and scheduled projects, in context with the current work of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) as shown under Agenda Item I.1.a. The shaded blocks represent the GMT's anticipated timeline for direct involvement with the issue (e.g., through the Council's final action), noting that some GMT members may have additional workload to assist NMFS and Council staff in developing the final regulatory documents. Attachment 2 shows the most recent groundfish workload prioritization list. Progress has not changed since the April Council meeting.

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Attachment 2: Groundfish Workload Prioritization List

Item #	Sector	Short Title	Category	Analytical Workload (H, M, L)	Primary Analysts	Progress to Date
1	Trawl, Non-Trawl	Clarify Catch Accounting Rules for Amendment 21	Catch Accounting	L	Council/ NMFS staff	None
2	Trawl IFQ	Removal of Selective Flatfish Trawl (SFFT) requirement between 40° 10' and 42° N. lat..	Gear	Unknown	NMFS	Ongoing EFP (Year 2 of 3 needed per Salmon ITS)
3	LE FG	LEFG Permit Price Reporting	Permitting	L (if any)	NWFSC	None
4	Trawl, Non-Trawl, Rec	Create 60-Mile Bank RCA Lines	Area Management	M	CDFW staff	None
5	Trawl, Non-Trawl	New Dressed to Round Conversion Factors for Sablefish	Catch Accounting	L	Patrick/ Jessi	Preliminary discussions held at PacFIN meeting
6	Trawl, Non-Trawl	Non-Trawl RCA Modifications	Area Management	H	Patrick/ Jessi/ Mel	None
7	Trawl IFQ	Remove Certain Time and Area-Management Restrictions for Midwater Trawl Gear Targeting Nonwhiting	Area Management	H	NMFS staff/ Patrick/ Jessi	Ongoing EFP (Year 2 of 3 needed per Salmon ITS)
8	Trawl IFQ	Carryover when Management Units Change	Catch Accounting	M	NMFS/ Council staff	None
9	Rec	Discard Mortality Rates for the Recreational Fisheries	Catch Accounting	M	Heather, Lynn, Caroline, Patrick	Research ongoing
10	IFQ	Gear Switching and Trawl Sablefish Area Management	Allocation	Very H	NMFS/ Council staff/ Jessi/ Patrick/ Mel	Ongoing
11	IFQ	Increasing IFQ Carryover from 10 Percent	Harvest Specifications	No change from current	Jessi	None
12	IFQ	Aggregate Non-whiting QS Control Limits and Individual Species Weighting	Accumulation Limits	M	NWFSC / Council Staff	Pending research
13	Trawl, Non-Trawl	Trawl/Nontrawl Amendment 21 Allocations	Allocation	M/H	depends on species chosen	Intersector Allocation Review completed in June 2017
14	MS	Mothership Sector Utilization	Accumulation Limits	M/H	Jessi/ Patrick/ NMFS/ Council staff	None
15	Fixed Gear	Moving Emley/Platt EFP into Regulations	Gear	M	Mel/ Caroline	Ongoing EFP
16	All	Sablefish Harvest Specification Change- Managing with ACTs	Allocation	L	Jessi/Patrick/NMFS/Council staff	Preliminary scoping
17	Rec	Permitting Commercial Sale of Recreational Fish Waste	Permitting	None	NMFS/EC staff	None