

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS
AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) received an overview on this topic from Mr. Kerry Griffin, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff, and reviewed the draft Council Operating Procedure (COP)-22 in the advanced briefing book ([Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 3](#)).

In March 2019, the Council adopted for public review an amended COP-22 on the Essential Fish Habitat review process. We appreciated the incorporation of the suggestions made in [Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, March 2019](#). The identification of “the purpose and measurable objectives for the review and habitat conservation objectives” is essential to the future success and avoidance of pitfalls encountered in previous processes. We do suggest a slight change of language, such that “habitat conservation objectives” becomes “habitat conservation purposes”. We encourage the Council to continue to pursue this need and to develop quantifiable goals in the near future, prior to or at the start of any review process.

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