

**WORKLOAD AND NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURE UPDATE**

At their June 2019 meeting, the Council took up the newly developed Groundfish Workload and New Management Measure item with the intent to provide the Council and the public a dedicated agenda item to discuss and review existing groundfish priorities, as well as an opportunity to propose new groundfish management measures. This agenda item also provides an opportunity for the Council to consider the overall groundfish workload priorities.

In March 2019, the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) presented the Council with their workload schedule and [unprioritized list](#) of management measures that was co-developed with the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel. The Council determined four of the management measures would be moved forward as work priorities for the GMT (Items A3-A6 in Table 1).

At the June meeting, four new workload items were proposed for the Council to consider: increasing cowcod annual vessel limits, revisiting the shortbelly rockfish annual catch limit, increasing the salmon troll vessel monitoring system ping rate, and conversion rates for dressed landings, including petrale sole. The Council directed the GMT to provide a preliminary workload analysis for these new management measures at the September meeting. Noting the time sensitivity of the cowcod and shortbelly issues, the Council scheduled these two items for discussion under Agenda Item H.6, 2020 Harvest Specifications for Cowcod and Shortbelly Rockfish at this meeting.

**Table 1 Council prioritized and scheduled groundfish management measure items from June 2019**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Scheduled on YAG</b>
A1	Trawl IFQ	Cowcod: Increase to Individual Vessel Limits	Catch Accounting	Sept 2019
A2	All	Shortbelly Rockfish	Catch Accounting	Sept 2019
A3	Trawl/Non-Trawl	Non-Trawl RCA Modifications	Area Management	March 2020
A4	Mothership	Mothership Sector Utilization	Accumulation Limits	April 2020
A5	Trawl/Non-Trawl	Trawl/Non-Trawl Amendment 21 Allocations	Allocation	June 2020
A6	Fixed Gear	Moving Emley/Platt EFP into Regulations	Gear	June 2020

Under this agenda item, the GMT provided a report on their current workload (Agenda Item H.2.a, GMT Report 1) and will update the Council regarding any new management that may have arisen since June and/or at this meeting. The Council has the opportunity to review and revise the GMT's workload, as well as update, prioritize, and add new projects, to the current prioritization list.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Review and adjust the list of proposed projects, fishery management plan amendments, and new management measures, as appropriate.**
- 2. Provide guidance on priorities and schedules.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.2.a, GMT Report 1.
2. If Received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- H.2 Workload and New Management Measure Update Todd Phillips
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Review the List of Proposed Projects, Fishery Management Plan Amendments, and New Management Measures, Consider Overall Workload, and Provide Guidance on Priorities and Schedules

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