WORKLOAD AND NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURE UPDATE

Under this agenda item, the Council is scheduled to review the list of groundfish management measures and could consider updating the list to add, remove, and revise measures, as necessary. This agenda item provides a dedicated time for stakeholders to provide input to the Council regarding existing measures and new measures that should be incorporated into the list. This item also provides the opportunity for the Council to examine its current groundfish management workload and consider how best to move forward in light of existing commitments.

Each year in March, it is anticipated that the Council will review a complete list of proposed groundfish projects. Items on this list may be prioritized and added to the Year-At-a-Glance (YAG) calendar. At subsequent meetings, the Council may consider updating this list based on recommendations from advisory bodies and stakeholders.

The lists of management measures are presented in the Groundfish Management Team’s (GMT) Report 1 (Agenda Item H.2.a, GMT Report 1, November 2019). There are two tables in that report, one showing the four management measures the Council selected for further development and the other showing the measures the Council may consider at a later date. The four priority management measures (Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area Modifications; Trawl/Non-Trawl Amendment 21 Allocations; Mothership Utilization; and Emley/Platt Exempted Fishing Permit into Regulation) were added to the YAG at the June 2019 meeting. Additional detail regarding these items are shown in Table A of GMT Report 1. Further, the Council designated two additional measures as immediate work item at the June meeting, Cowcod Annual Vessel Limits and Shortbelly Annual Catch Limits for 2020. These two items are scheduled for final action under Agenda Item H.4 at this meeting. Management measures not selected as priority work items are listed in Table B of GMT Report 1.

As part of this agenda item, the GMT and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will inform the Council of any management measures that have been proposed between the September Council meeting and this meeting. Further, the GMT is prepared to discuss their current workload and the management measure prioritization process at this meeting, as necessary.

Council Action:

1. Review, Revise, and Update the List of Proposed Projects and Fishery Management Plan Amendments as appropriate.
2. Provide Guidance on Workload 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 Schedules

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