

## UPDATE ON 2021-2022 HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

In November 2019, the Council adopted final overfishing limits (OFLs), acceptable biological catches (ABCs), and annual catch limits (ACLs) for most stocks and complexes. A range of ACLs was forwarded for more detailed analysis for Oregon black rockfish, cowcod south of 40°10' N. lat., petrale sole, shortbelly rockfish, and sablefish. The Council is scheduled to take final action on harvest specifications at the April 2020 Council meeting.

The Council also provided guidance to facilitate analysis of the alternatives, which combines the ACL alternatives and adjustments to routine management measures. Guidance included two-year allocations, harvest guidelines for selected species, a range of season and area restrictions, and a range of trip limits, daily bag limits, and other management measures for key target and constraining bycatch species. Additionally, several additional management measures were forwarded for preliminary analysis, including retention of thornyheads by the open access fishery from 40°10' to 34°27' N. lat. and retention of yellowtail rockfish by salmon trollers south of 40°10' N. lat. Given the expected workload, the Council prioritized the analysis of harvest specifications, and integrated alternatives, all of which are necessary to support the January 1, 2021 fishery start date. A secondary priority was established for new management measures. The Council is scheduled to develop a preliminary preferred suite of management measures at the April 2020 Council meeting. After a public review period, the Council will take final action at the June 2020 Council meeting.

The Groundfish Management Team is expected to deliver a presentation that will review the range of 2021-2022 groundfish harvest specifications and adjustments to routine management measures. As part of this presentation, the team will provide an update to the Council regarding additional management measures forwarded for consideration. The briefing is designed to help the Council focus on some of the key issues that will be discussed and decided at the upcoming April and June meetings.

The National Marine Fisheries Service is expected to provide supplemental reports detailing the results of the National Environmental Policy Act scoping, white paper on accountability measures, and a schedule for regulation deeming and Fishery Management Plan transmittal. Additionally, the Council received a public comment letter from the Crescent City Harbor District Board of Commissioners recommending retention of groundfish by non-groundfish fisheries that incidentally catch groundfish that is being analyzed as part of this biennial process.

### **Council Action:**

**Review Preliminary Preferred Alternative Harvest Specifications, the Range of Management Measure Alternatives and Draft Analyses; and Provide Guidance.**

Reference Materials:

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

H.4 Update on 2021-2022 Harvest Specifications and  
Management Measures

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Review Preliminary Preferred Alternative Harvest Specifications, the Range of Management Measure Alternatives and Draft Analyses; Provide Guidance as Necessary

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