

PRELIMINARY PREFERRED MANAGEMENT MEASURE ALTERNATIVES FOR 2021-2022 FISHERIES

At this meeting the Council is scheduled to select their preliminary preferred management measures alternatives for 2021-2022 fisheries. These measures include a suite of management measures, including such items as adjustments to trip limits, Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) boundary updates, and allocations. Under Agenda Item G.4, the Council is scheduled to adopt final preferred harvest specifications; however, should any harvest specifications remain outstanding, they can be adopted under this agenda item if necessary. Final action to adopt management measures for the 2021-2022 groundfish fisheries is scheduled for the June 2020 Council meeting.

Anticipated Council actions under this agenda item are summarized in the Action Item Checklist (Attachment 1). Detailed materials to aid in the Council's decision-making process for this agenda item are provided in the 2021-2022 Management Measure Analytical Document (Attachment 2).

In November 2019, the Council forwarded a range of management measures for preliminary analysis. Council gave direction to the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to prioritize analysis of harvest specifications and routine measures as part of their over-winter work. After the analysis of these items was completed, they were then tasked to take up analysis of new management measures. The GMT was able to complete all these tasks and will present their recommendations to the Council under this agenda item. Additionally, an analysis of yellowtail rockfish retention within the non-trawl RCA north of 40°10' N. lat. is provided to inform the Council regarding potential options to consider when discussing this measure (Attachment 3).

At the March 2020 meeting, the Council clarified several points regarding their intent on overwinter analysis, including confirming a research set-aside of 2.92 mt for yelloweye rockfish, the status quo yelloweye harvest guideline and annual catch target catch sharing framework, and analysis of the Alternative 2 harvest specifications for shortbelly rockfish and petrale sole. The analyses of these items are found in Attachment 2.

Additionally, in March, the Council recommended the GMT analyze a shared harvest guideline of canary rockfish for the nearshore and non-nearshore sectors of the fishery, new 3-year average set-aside options for the at-sea whiting fisheries, and new limited entry and open-access fixed gear trip limits recommended by the GMT. The outcomes of these tasks are expected to be provided by the GMT in a supplemental report.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt any remaining final harvest specifications.**
- 2. Adopt preliminary preferred adjustments to routine management measures, including allocations.**
- 3. Identify new management measures to be analyzed and considered for final action at the June Council meeting and identify preliminary preferred measures, if possible.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 1: Action Item Checklist.
2. Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 2: 2021-2022 Management Measure Analytical Document **(Electronic Only)**.
3. Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 3: Yellowtail Rockfish Retention within the Non-Trawl RCA in the Salmon Troll Fishery North of 40°10' N. lat. Analysis.
4. Agenda Item G.6.a, ODFW Report 1.
5. Agenda Item G.6.a, CDFW Report 1.
6. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- G.6 Preliminary Preferred Management Measures Alternatives for 2021-2022 Fisheries Todd Phillips
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Any Remaining Harvest Specifications and Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Management Measures in 2021-2022 Fisheries

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