

WORKLOAD AND NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURE PRIORITIES

Under this agenda item, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduled to discuss the 2021 groundfish workload, new management measure proposals, and set prioritize measures for development, as appropriate.

This agenda item is intended to provide a dedicated time whereby stakeholders can propose new groundfish management measures to the Council for their consideration. The Council should review and as appropriate, revise the existing list of proposed groundfish management measures. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) has provided a report (Agenda Item G.2.a, GMT Report 1) that includes their current workload, the previously prioritized measures, and the up-to-date list of all groundfish management measure proposals the Council is considering at present.

Additionally, at this meeting, the Council should confirm its prioritized measures for development this calendar year based on the list of management measures, as revised above. If the Council determines the current 2021 groundfish priorities and workload are appropriate for this year, no new items should be prioritized at this meeting. Instead, the Council should schedule work to be completed on the previously prioritized management measures (e.g., whiting utilization in the mothership sector, non-trawl modifications, etc.). Noting that this process is still relatively new, Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1 provides a summarized version of the process as reference. Council staff is prepared to give a brief presentation to augment this attachment.

Cost Recovery

Based on their concerns with the current cost recovery process, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) proposed in their September 2020 NMFS Report statement ([Agenda Item C.1.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, September 2020](#)) that the Council should consider re-establishing the Ad Hoc Cost Recovery Committee (CRC) and convening a meeting. In that report, the GAP noted specific objectives for the meeting to include establishing a pre-catch share cost baseline matrix, determining which costs are recoverable, and providing input into cost recovery fee calculations. NMFS responded to the GAPs request in November 2020 ([Agenda Item G.2.a, NMFS Report 2, November 2020](#)) acknowledging their willingness to participate; however, they requested that the Council consider if this task was a groundfish priority for 2021. Under this agenda item, the Council has the opportunity to consider if the GAP's request should become a 2021 groundfish work priority in light of its existing workload. If the Council prioritizes this item, discussion of the committee's membership and charge should occur under the Cost Recovery agenda item at the April 2021 meeting.

Council Action:

- 1. Review List of Proposed Projects, Amendments, and New Fishery Management Measures.**
- 2. Consider Overall Groundfish Workload.**
- 3. Provide Guidance on Groundfish Management Priorities and Schedules.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1: Conceptual Design of Groundfish New Management Measure Prioritization Process.
2. Agenda Item G.2.a, GMT Report 1: Groundfish Management Team Report on Workload and New Management Measures Update.
3. If Received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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

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