

Scoping of Non-Trawl Sector Area Management Measures

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Background

Proposal Overview

Guidance: Staff/ABs

Council Action



Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area

Origins

- a) Non-trawl area closures began in 2002
- b) Goal to minimize overfished groundfish catch/aid in rebuilding

Area and Management

- a) Contiguous area closure & bounded by depth
- b) Fishing for groundfish with non-trawl gear is prohibited

Current Groundfish Status

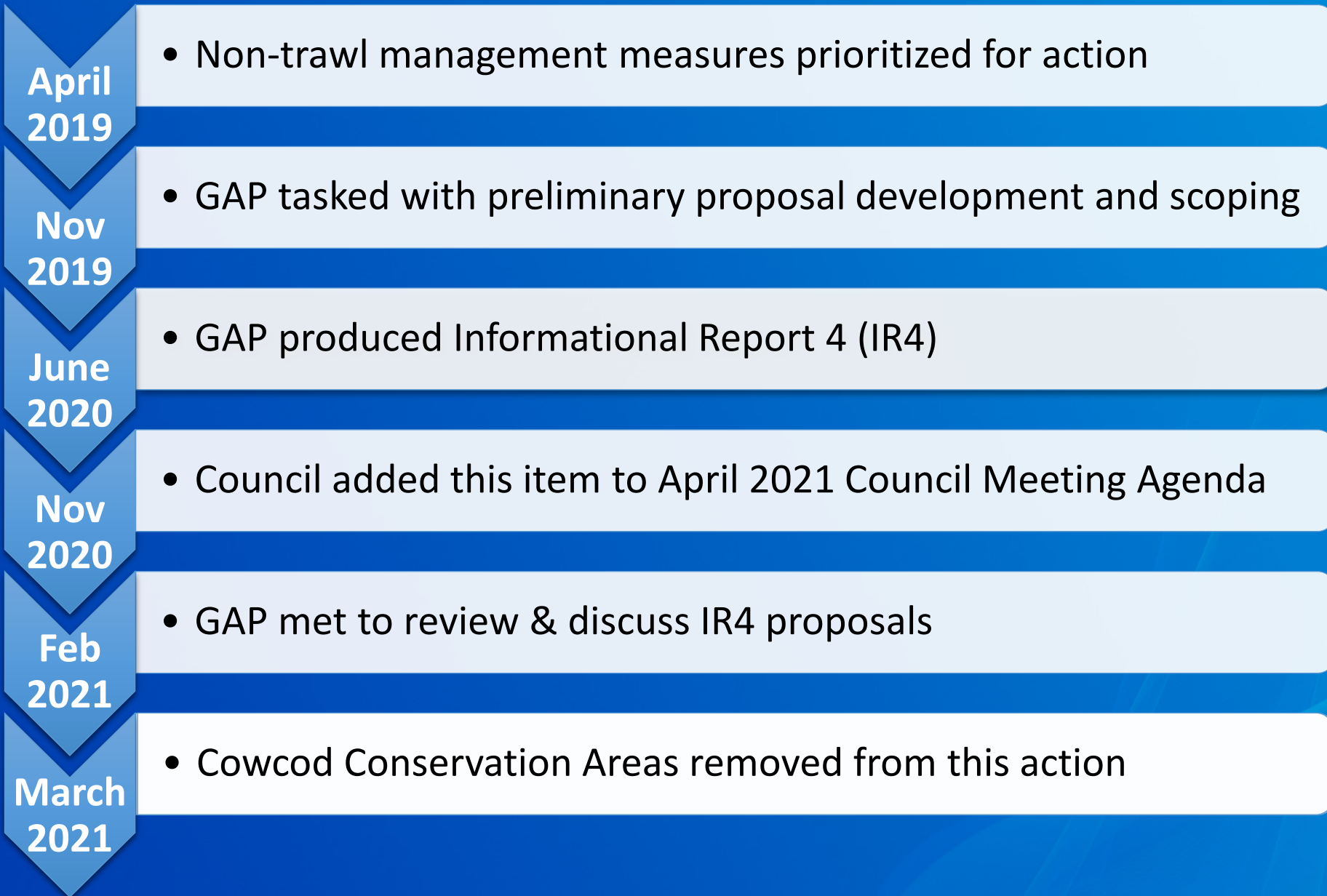
- a) All overfished groundfish are rebuilt except yelloweye rockfish
- b) Multiple non-trawl shelf species allocations under-attained

Recent Council Decision Points

2021-2022 Biennial Groundfish Management Measures

- a) Multiple boundary adjustments in CA/OR
- b) Specific gear restrictions in one re-opened area depth-bin
- c) Recommended multiple EFPs to test gear
- d) Changes to salmon troll yellowtail rockfish retention

Process to Date



Area Management Proposal Categories

1. Boundary Adjustments

- a) Modification of non-trawl rockfish conservation area (NT-RCA) shoreward/seaward boundaries

2. Gear Allowances

- a) Authorizing use of specific hook & line gear in NT-RCA (e.g., Emley-Platt EFP)

3. Incidental Groundfish Catch Retention

- a) Retention of 'midwater' rockfish by salmon troll fishery while fishing in NT-RCA

Guidance for Staff & Advisory Bodies

Area Management Proposals

- a) Has the Non-trawl RCA achieved its intended goals and objectives?
- b) What are the benefits/concerns of the proposals?
- c) Do proposals need to be revised?

Fishery Concerns

- a) Are existing mitigation/monitoring methods sufficient?
- b) Do proposals promote fairness and/or equity amongst participants?

Guidance for Staff & ABs: II

Analytical Guidance

- a) What advisory bodies should be part of this action?
- b) Moving forward, what analyses would be beneficial?

Process Questions

- a) Are Purpose and Need statements ready for adoption?
- b) Should all the proposed measures be in this action?
- c) What is the timeline for the next steps? *Not scheduled on YAG.*

Council Action

- Scope Issues Regarding Implementing Gear And Methods Tested Under The Emley/Platt Exempted Fishing Permit In Regulations And Modifying Rockfish Conservation Areas For Non-trawl Sectors
- Provide Guidance On Purpose And Need Statements And Next Steps

Questions