

G.4 Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup Report

Council Action:

1. Consider Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup Recommendations.
2. Identify Measures to be Evaluated as part of the 2023-2024 Groundfish Biennial Management Process.
3. Identify Other Appropriate Actions to be Evaluated as Appropriate.

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I move the Council request NMFS make the following new information available for review and consideration by the GESW at its 2023 meeting:

1. Any new Short-Tailed Albatross telemetry and observer data south of 36° N. latitude, for purposes of considering whether the current exemption from the streamer requirement in this area remains appropriate.
2. Updates on fulfilling the Terms and Conditions of the Incidental Take Statement for humpback whales.
3. Updates on research into avoidance or minimization measures to reduce bycatch from floating longline gear. Specifically, funded research in FY2022 currently being planned by NMFS, Oregon Sea Grant, and industry collaborators.

Additionally, the Council recommends that NMFS continue its financial support of the eulachon spawning stock biomass survey, conducted annually by WDFW.

Moved by Marci Yaremko

Second by Maggie Sommer

Motion passed unan.

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I move the Council write a letter to the Federal Communications Commission encouraging them to reconsider their prohibition of the use of AIS to mark fishing gear.

Moved by Phil Anderson

Second by Heather Hall

Motion passed. Ms. Kelly Ames abstained (NMFS).

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