

# E.5 Biennial Management Measures for 2023-2024

## Council Action:

1. Adopt stock complex alternatives for analysis, as appropriate.
2. Adopt deductions from the ACLs and the trawl allocations for analysis, as appropriate.
3. Adopt preliminary two-year allocations for analysis, as necessary.
4. Adopt a range of new management measures for more detailed analysis.
5. Provide guidance on routine adjustments to management measures.

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## E.5 CDFW Motion 1 – 2023-2024 Groundfish Management Measures

I move the Council adopt the following alternatives for inclusion in the range considered for groundfish management measures in 2023 and 2024:

(Numbering from E.5 Attachment 1 November 2021, the Action Item Checklist):

### Action Item #2 Area Management

Make minor adjustments to RCA coordinates to better align with the bathymetry lines, depth contours, and to avoid crossovers; and to incorporate recommended modifications from enforcement and industry as described in E.5.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1, November 2021.

### Action Item #3 Off-the-top

Adopt the following preliminary set-asides for 2023 and 2024

- Research: The maximum historical research mortality should be used for set-asides for all species, except yelloweye rockfish and cowcod. For each of these species, the GMT shall determine the appropriate amount to set aside for research, based on anticipated projects
- The maximum historical IOA mortality for off-the-top deductions for all species except: darkblotched rockfish (suggested deduction: 9.8 mt), petrale sole (suggested deduction: 11.1 mt), sablefish south of 36° N. lat. (suggested deduction: 25 mt), yelloweye rockfish (suggested deduction: 2.66 mt), and nearshore rockfish north (suggested deduction: 1.3 mt) to accommodate mortality in IOA fisheries in 2023-24 (GMT recommendations from Agenda Item E.5.a., Supplemental GMT Report 1, Table 2)
- For Quillback and Copper rockfish off California, include placeholders for off-the-top set asides for research, IOA fisheries, and approved EFPs for each of these species as necessary, pending further over-winter analysis

### Action Item #5 ACT

- Cowcod = a single ACT of 50 mt for south of 40° 10' N. lat.
- Yelloweye rockfish non-trawl ACT of 39.8 mt in 2023-2024
- For Quillback rockfish off California, include placeholders for ACTs for each of the groundfish fishery sectors off California that incur fishery mortality, pending further over-winter analysis • For Copper rockfish off California, include placeholders for ACTs below the minor nearshore complex ACLs, for each of the groundfish fishery sectors off California both north and south of 40 degrees, 10 minutes N. lat., pending further over-winter analysis

### Action Item #8 HG – State Shares for Stocks in a Complex

Adopt preliminary HGs for species managed within a complex:

- Blackgill rockfish (within the Slope Rockfish South of 40°10' N. lat. complex) – status quo allocation scheme
- Oregon black/blue/deacon complex – no need for species specific HGs within the complex
- Cabezon/kelp greenling complex – no need for species specific HGs within either the Oregon cabezon/kelp greenling complex or the Washington cabezon/kelp greenling complex.
- Nearshore Rockfish North of 40°10' N. lat. complex -by state: Use the status quo sharing arrangement to set state-specific HGs, as described in Action item #11 of E.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2
- For Quillback rockfish off California, include placeholders for HGs for each of the groundfish fishery sectors off California that incur fishery mortality, pending further over-winter analysis
- For Copper rockfish off California, include placeholders for HGs below the minor nearshore

complex ACLs, for each of the groundfish fishery sectors off California both north and south of 40 degrees, 10 minutes N. lat.

Moved by Marci Yaremko Second by Maggie Sommer Motion passed unan.

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### Tribal Motion

I move that the Council adopt the preliminary tribal set asides as shown in item E.5.a Supplemental Tribal Report 2, November 2021.

Moved by Joe Oatman

Second by Phil Anderson

Motion passed unanimously.

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**WDFW Motion 1 – E.5 2023-2024 Groundfish Management Measures**

I move that the Council adopt the following preliminary alternatives as recommended by the GMT in Supplemental GMT Report 2, November 2021 for analysis.

**Action Item #6 Two Year Trawl and Non-Trawl Allocations**

Adopt status quo preliminary 2-year trawl/non-trawl allocations

**Action Item #7 Amendment 21 Allocation Changes** Maintain

the status quo 40 percent trawl and 60 percent non-trawl percentages for lingcod south of 40° 10' N lat.

**Action Item #11 Within Non-Trawl HGs, ACTs, or Shares –  
LEFG/OA/Recreational**

Adopt preliminary status quo 2-year within non-trawl HGs or shares

Moved by Heather Hall Second by Marci Yaremko

Motion passed unanimously.

E.5 ODFW motion – 2023-2024 groundfish management measures

I move the Council adopt the following alternatives for inclusion in the range of groundfish management measures in 2023 and 2024 for further analysis and review:

(using numbering from E.5 Attachment 1 November 2021, the Action Item Checklist):

#### **Action Item #9 – Within Trawl Allocations**

- Remove this item from the checklist

#### **Action Item #10 – Within Trawl Set-Asides (at-sea whiting)**

- Request that the GMT evaluate whether there is a need for an at-sea set-aside for Pacific spiny dogfish, and to recommend a set-aside amount if appropriate
- Status quo for existing set-asides

#### **Action Item #12b – Directed Shortbelly Rockfish Prohibition**

- Move this item out of the 2023-2024 biennial management measures process and in March 2022 under Groundfish Workload and New Management Measure Priorities, consider prioritization and scheduling of a stand-alone groundfish FMP amendment for this purpose

#### **Action Item #13 – Shorebased IFQ Trip Limits**

- Status quo trip limits for non-IFQ species in the IFQ fishery

#### **Additional spiny dogfish request**

- Request the GMT to evaluate potential management measures to control catch of spiny dogfish in groundfish fisheries if the ACL is exceeded or projected to be exceeded, including but not limited to the use of Block Area Closures (BACs) and Bycatch Reduction Areas (BRAs)

Moved by Maggie Sommer

Second by Heather Hall Motion passed unanimously.

**WDFW Motion 2 – E.5 2023-2024 Groundfish Management Measures**

I move that the Council adopt the following preliminary alternatives as recommended by the GMT in Supplemental GMT Report 3, November 2021 for analysis.

**Action Item #14a – Open Access Fixed Gear Fisheries North of 40° 10' N**

lat. OA sablefish daily trip limit (DTL) sablefish fishery north of 36° N lat.:

- Status Quo: Maintain the 600-lb. daily limit in the DTL fishery
- Option 1: Remove the 600-lb. daily limit (weekly and bimonthly limits would remain)

**Action Item #14b – Open Access Fixed Gear Fisheries South of 40° 10' N**

lat. • Status quo alternatives

**Action Item #15a – Limited Entry Fixed Gear Fisheries North of 40° 10' N**

lat. LEFG sablefish north of 36° N lat.:

- Status Quo: 1,700 lbs./week, 5,100 lbs./2 months
- Option 1: 2,400 lbs./week, 4,800 lbs./2 months

**Action Item #15b – Limited Entry Fixed Gear Fisheries South of 40° 10' N**

lat. LEFG sablefish south of 36° N lat.:

- Status Quo: 2,500 lb. weekly trip limit

**Action Item #15c – Limited Entry Fixed Gear Primary Fishery**

- Extending the LEFG primary sablefish tier fishery end date from October 31 to December 31

Guidance for Action Items 14 and 15 for the GMT look at trip limits, RCA changes etc. that consider new harvest spex for copper, quillback, and vermilion or other species as needed.

**Action Item #16 – 18 WA, CA, and OR Recreational**

States and GMT as needed will analyze routine measures such as bag limits, season structures, depth limits and length limits etc. that keep catch from exceeding harvest targets.

Recommend that the GMT explore new and available data to inform species specific depth dependent mortality rates for discards using descending devices for copper, quillback, and vermilion rockfish. If those values are readily available and can be incorporated into the

current discard mortality estimation framework, the expectation would be that they could be implemented for recreational discards as soon as possible (e.g., 2022).

Moved by Heather Hall Second by Maggie Sommer

Motion passed. Ms. Keeley Kent abstained.

#### **E.5 CDFW Motion 2 – Items 12d and 12e, 2023-2024 Groundfish Management Measures**

I move the Council approve the following items from Action Item 12, New Management Measures, to be included in the range considered for groundfish management measures in 2023 and 2024:

12d: Rebuilding analysis for Quillback Rockfish off California: Per the GMT recommendation in Agenda Item E.5.a, GMT Supplemental Report 3 – Include additional runs of a SPR harvest rate at 0.55 and 0.65 to further examine the trade-offs of alternative rebuilding strategies. Use a lower 2022 projected fishery mortality of 11.9 MT, per Table 11, Agenda Item E.7.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 2.

- For Copper Rockfish south of Pt. Conception, a rebuilding analysis is available for use if needed.

12e: Groundfish retention in the Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area **between the WA/OR border and Pt. Conception** **the U.S./Mexico border** using only non-bottom contact hook and line gear; including no dinglebar, no longline, and no vertical hook and line gear that is anchored to the bottom, similar to requirements in the 2021-2022 management measures. This would be a management measure to reduce nearshore fishery effort and bycatch on overfished or precautionary nearshore stocks, while also avoiding bottom contact and benthic species of concern.

Moved by Marci Yaremko

Second by Bob Dooley

**Amendment by Maggie Sommer: “between the WA/OR border and Pt. Conception”; second by Phil Anderson** Amendment passed unanimously.

Amendment by Phil Anderson/Dooley: replace Pt. Conception with **“the U.S./Mexico border”**  
Amendment carried.

Motion as amended passed. Ms. Keeley Kent abstained.

#### **E.5 Shortbelly Motion**

I move that the Council adopt an alternative for further analysis within the 2023-2024 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures with the following language which would amend the Groundfish FMP to describes the management intent for Shortbelly

rockfish:

If fishery related Shortbelly rockfish mortalities exceed, or are projected to exceed, 2,000 mt in a calendar year, the Council will review and investigate survey abundance trends and other stock status information as appropriate, consider changes in fishing behavior, consider changes in the market interest for Shortbelly rockfish, and other factors as appropriate that may lead to the Council to reconsider the EC designation for Shortbelly rockfish .

In addition, in response to the review of the information, the Council may also recommend other management measures that achieve the Council's FEP goals and objectives, and Goal 2 in particular, for Shortbelly rockfish. Other management measures may include (but are not limited to) area closures, gear prohibitions, bycatch limits, and seasonal restrictions.

Moved by Phil Anderson

Second by Pete Hassemer Motion passed unanimously.

I move the Council add an alternative for analysis that would analyze a ramp down rebuilding strategy for quillback rockfish. This ramp down strategy would decline linearly over a three year period, after which catch will be at the target level that aligns with the Council's quillback rockfish rebuilding plan. This ramp down strategy would be explored for the SPR=0.5 and the SPR=0.7 alternatives to enable a range of analysis.



Moved by Bob Dooley

Seconded by Butch Smith Motion passed unan.

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