

Workload and New Management Measures Prioritization

GMT Report 1 & Supplemental Report 2

SUMMARIZED DESIGN OF GROUND FISH WORKLOAD AND PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

March Meeting

- New management measures may be proposed to the Council, GMT, and/or GAP
- GMT/GAP
 - Reviews, revises, and updates existing groundfish management measure list
 - Recommends, as appropriate, new management measures for inclusion into list
- GMT
 - Provides revised/updated groundfish management measure list
 - Provides preliminary scoping of new management measures
 - Provides updated annual projected workload
- Council
 - Considers adopting new management measures proposals into list
 - Considers prioritizing management measures for work in the coming year
 - May direct GMT/GAP to refine and develop measures, as appropriate (i.e., scope, analyze, etc.)

June, Sept., & Nov. Meetings

- New management measures may be proposed to the Council, GMT, and/or GAP
- GMT/GAP
 - Reviews, revises, and updates existing groundfish management measure list
 - Recommends, as appropriate, new management measures for inclusion into list
- Council
 - Considers adopting new management measures proposals into list
 - May reprioritize management measure development based on new information
 - May direct GMT/GAP to refine and develop measures, as appropriate (i.e., scope, analyze, etc.)

GMT Report 1

- Intended to be a reminder of where things left off
 - Last time Council discussed this item (March 2021)
- No items added or removed
- Some updates in the “Progress to Date” column in Appendix 2, Table B (**bolded**)
- Starting place for discussions at this meeting

Supplemental GMT Report 2

- Updates based on:
 - Council discussions over the last year, including earlier at this meeting
 - NMFS guidance
 - Discussions with the GAP
 - Public comment(s), if any

Appendix 1. GMT workload matrix, with progress of ongoing and scheduled projects

- Shows what the GMT is working on, or expecting to be working on, and when
 - Similar to table in NMFS Report
- Based on:
 - Mandatory items
 - Recurring items
 - Council identified priorities
- Identify who the GMT lead(s) are anticipated to be

Appendix 1. GMT workload matrix, with progress of ongoing and scheduled projects

Action	Category	Mandated vs. Council's Discretion	Likely GMT Lead Analyst(s)	2022												2023										
				Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug					
Biennial Groundfish Harvest Specifications	Biennial Process	M	All												***											
Biennial Groundfish Management Measures		M	All												***											
Exempted Fishing Permit Applications		M	Joe, Lynn												***											
Stock Assessment Updates and Panels		M	All																							
Inseason Monitoring & Management	Inseason	M	Mel, Whitney, Katie																							
ESA Humpback Whale BiOp Measures	ESA	M	Lynn/TBD																							
Non-Salmon ESA workgroup		M	Lynn/TBD																							
Fixed Gear Catch Share Review	Program Review	M	Katie, Whitney																							
Sablefish Gear Switching	Council Identified Priorities	CD	Whitney, Katie																							
Non-Trawl RCA Adjustments, Emley/Platt EFP, CCA repeal		CD	Mel, Whitney, TBD																							
Whiting Utilization		CD	Whitney, Katie, Lynn																							
Stock Definitions		M	TBD																							
Ecosystem Items	Ecosystem	M	Daniel, Lynn																							
Halibut CSP Process	Halibut	M	Lynn, James, Lorna																							
Marine Spatial Planning	Marine Planning	CD	TBD	As needed												As needed										

Appendix 2. Table A. Groundfish Management Measure Items Prioritized by the Council.

- These are items that the Council has previously prioritized
 - Information on progress to date
 - When next steps are scheduled
 - on the Year-at-a-Glance [Agenda Item C.7., Attachment 1](#)

Appendix 2. Table A. Groundfish Management Measure Items Prioritized by the Council.

- GMT Updates
 - A2 and A3 have been combined, along with B14 from Table B, into one combined action (A2)
 - Non-trawl RCA modifications
 - Emley/Platt EFP into Regulations
 - Cowcod conservation area removal
 - Based on the Council motion under E.3. at this meeting
 - Add new item (A5): Stock Definitions/Stock Complexes

Appendix 2. Table A with GMT Updates

Item #	Sector	Short Title	Category	Mandated or Requested Improvement	Analytical Workload (H, M, L)	Primary Analysts	Progress to Date	Ready to move forward for scoping	Prioritized	Scheduled on YAAG a/
A1	MS	Pacific Whiting Utilization	Accumulation Limits	Fishery performance	M/H	Council staff/ Whitney/ Katie	Final Action taken March 2022	Yes	Yes	FPA March 2022
A2	Trawl, Non-Trawl	Non-Trawl RCA Modifications, Emley Platt EFP/ CCA Removal	Area Management	Spatial access	H	Mel/ Whitney/ Todd	analysis and background	Yes	Yes	ROA/PPA April 2022
A3	IFQ	Gear Switching and Trawl Sablefish Area Management	Allocation/ Area Management	Fishery performance	Very H	Council staff/ Whitney/ Katie	Ongoing			
A4	Fixed Gear	Fixed Gear Catch Share Review	Program Review	MSA Mandated	M	TBD	preliminary analysis and background			Scoping March 2022; Final June 2022
A5	All	Stock Definitions/Stock Complexes	FMP Amendment	Mandated	H	TBD	NMFS paper describing the issue			TBD

Appendix 2. Table B. All Other Potential Groundfish Management Measure Items

- Items not yet prioritized by the Council
- Order in the table does not imply any prioritization by the GMT
 - Have been adding Items as they have come up
 - New items from this meeting are at the bottom of the table

Appendix 2. Table B. All Other Potential Groundfish Management Measure Items

- GMT Updates
 - B2 & B6 - Trawl EFPs
 - B2 - in year 4 of 3 years of EFPs needed per the salmon ITS
 - B6 - Starting year 5 of EFP
 - Is there enough data to consider moving into regulation?
 - B8 - Discard mortality rates for recreational fisheries
 - Subgroup of GMT working on developing descending device rates for additional species
 - Hope to present to SSC and Council in June 2022
 - No regulatory action, catch accounting methodology

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- GMT Updates
 - Remove B14 from this table as it has been combined with A2 and A3
 - Add new item (B16) - At-Sea Processing South of 42° N. lat.
 - Initially part of Pacific Whiting Utilization item but delayed due to potential impacts on salmonids and other managed species
 - Council signaled that an EFP may be the most appropriate avenue

Appendix 2. Table B. All Other Potential Groundfish Management Measure Items

- GMT Updates
 - Add new Item B.17. LEFG Catch Share Cost Recovery
 - Based on information in [Agenda Item E.4.a NMFS Report 1, March 2022](#)
 - Add new Item B.18. Base Permit
 - Add new item Item B.19. LEFG Catch Share Review Follow-on Actions
 - based on the GAP recommendations ([Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, March 2022](#)) under Agenda Item E.4.

Appendix 2. Table B. with GMT Updates

Item #	Sector	Short Title	Category	Mandated or Requested Improvement	Analytical Workload (H, M, L)	Primary Analysts	Progress to Date
B1	Trawl, Non-Trawl	Clarify Catch Accounting Rules for Amendment 21	Catch Accounting	Fishery function	L	Council staff	None
B2	Trawl IFQ	Removal of Selective Flatfish Trawl (SFFT) requirement between 40° 10' and 42° N. lat.	Gear	Fishery performance	Unknown	Council staff	Ongoing EFP (Year 4 of 3 needed per Salmon ITS)
B3	LE FG	LEFG Permit Price Reporting	Permitting	Fishery function	L (if any)	NWFSC	None
B4	Trawl, Non-Trawl, Rec	Create 60-Mile Bank RCA Lines	Area Management	Spatial access	M	CDFW staff	None
B5	Trawl, Non-Trawl	New Dressed to Round Conversion Factors for Sablefish	Catch Accounting	Fishery performance	L	TBD	Preliminary discussions held at PacFIN meeting
B6	Trawl IFQ	Remove Certain Time and Area-Management Restrictions for Midwater Trawl Gear Targeting Non-whiting	Area Management	Spatial & Temporal Access	H	Council staff/TBD	starting year 5 of EFP
B7	Trawl IFQ	Carryover when Management Units Change	Catch Accounting	Fishery function	M	Council staff	None
B8	Rec	Discard Mortality Rates for the Recreational Fisheries	Catch Accounting	Fishery performance	M	Lynn, Chantel, Daniel	GMT subgroup working on developing rates for additional species, hope to present sometime in 2022

Appendix 2. Table B. with GMT Updates, cont.

B9	IFQ	Increasing IFQ Carryover from 10 Percent	Harvest Specifications	Fishery performance	No change from current	TBD	None
B10	IFQ	Aggregate Non-whiting QS Control Limits and Individual Species Weighting	Accumulation Limits	Fishery function	M	NWFSC / Council Staff	Pending research
B11	Rec	Permitting Commercial Sale of Recreational Fish Waste	Permitting	Fishery performance	None	NMFS WCR/EC staff	None
B12	Trawl IFQ	Petrале; Guttled/ Head-on conversion factor	Catch Accounting	Fishery performance	L	Katie	None
B13	OA FG	Salmon VMS Ping Rate	Enforcement	Enforcement	L	EC Staff	Preliminary scoping
B14	Rec & Comm.	Cowcod Conservation Area removal	Area Management	Spatial access	H	Mel, James	Combined with A2 above
B14	Trawl	prohibition of directed shortbelly rockfish fishery	Catch prohibition	Fishery prohibition	M/H	TBD	None
B15	Salmon troll	lingcod trip limit adjustments north of 40° 10' N lat.	Species Access	Fishery performance	M?	Corey Niles/Whitney	None
B16	At-sea	At-sea processing south of 42° N lat.	Area Management	Fishery performance	M/H	TBD	None
B17	LEFG	LEFG program cost recovery	Program requirement	MSA Mandated	TBD	TBD	NMFS Paper describing issue
B18	LEFG	Removal of base permit	Program enhancement	Fishery performance	TBD	TBD	None
B19	LEFG	LEFG follow on-GAP recommendations	Program enhancement	Fishery performance	TBD	TBD	None

Other Considerations

- GMT will be focusing on the 2023-2024 biennial harvest specifications & management measures through June 2022
- Other high workload items already prioritized that the GMT and Council staff are working on
 - Sablefish gear switching
 - Non-trawl RCA adjustments, repeal of CCA
 - Fixed gear catch share review
 - LEFG program review
- Along with recurring/routine items (Appendix 1)

Questions
