

E.9 Update on 2023-2024 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures

Council Action:

- Review Preliminary Preferred Alternative Harvest Specifications, the Range of Management Measure Alternatives and Draft Analyses; and
- Provide Guidance

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I move that the Council provide the following guidance to the Groundfish Management Team:

- Retain the mid-water rockfish EFPs
- Do not analyze set-asides for quillback rockfish or copper rockfish off California
- Analyze ACTs for quillback rockfish and copper rockfish off California, ACTs should be broken out into 2 sub-areas, 42° to 40° 10' N lat and 40° 10' N lat to the US/Mexico border
- Add an option to remove the 50-mt ACT for cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat. to the management measure package
- Continue using a yelloweye rockfish ACTs for the non-trawl sectors
- Analyze the use of BRAs and BACs for uses not currently available/analyzed, making them potentially available for inseason Pacific spiny dogfish trawl bycatch minimization in 2023-24
- Amend the Groundfish FMP to align the definition and uses of BACs with those in federal regulations as part of the 2023-24 harvest specifications process
- Allow all areas within the NT RCA to be subject to the same fishing requirements, and therefore any action taken by 12e would supersede the 21-22 regulations (from GAP, consistent with EC)
- Recommend NMFS revisit their proposed new gear definition in light of concerns about enforceability raised by the EC to ensure that any specific item such as number of hooks is of sufficient management concern to warrant at-sea or shoreside enforcement.

Moved by Heather Hall Second by Marci Yaremko

Motion passed unanimously.