

BIENNIAL HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2023-2024 FISHERIES – FINAL ACTION

In November 2021, the Council adopted preliminary preferred and alternative 2023 and 2024 harvest specifications (overfishing limits [OFLs], acceptable biological catches [ABCs]), and annual catch limits [ACLs]) for the actively-managed groundfish stocks and stock complexes. Final preferred harvest specifications are to be decided under this agenda item. In March, the Council received a briefing ([Agenda Item E.9.a, Supplemental GMT Presentation 1](#)) on selected analyses and predicted effects of alternative ACLs to inform decision-making under this agenda item.

Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1 provides the description of 2023 and 2024 harvest specifications and the biological impacts associated with alternative harvest specifications under consideration. Table 1-1 in Attachment 1 describes the stocks with alternative harvest control rules for 2023; Table 1-5 provides the 2023 and 2024 harvest specifications for these stocks. Tables 1-3 and 1-4 provide the No Action harvest specifications for 2023 and 2024, respectively. Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 2 is the Draft Status of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) document. Edits and comments are solicited at this meeting; the final 2022 SAFE document will be posted shortly after this meeting.

The Council will receive recommendations from Council advisory bodies (state, Federal, and tribal agencies) and the public to aid in making these decisions.

Council Action:

Adopt final preferred harvest specifications for 2023-2024 fisheries.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1: An excerpt of the analytical document with the description of 2023 and 2024 harvest specifications and the biological impacts associated with alternative harvest specifications under consideration.
2. Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 2: Draft Status of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (*Electronic Only*).
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

F.3 Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2023-2024 Fisheries –
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a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Harvest Specifications for 2023-2024 Fisheries