

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR
CATCH SHARE PROGRAM REVIEW

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) reviewed the materials in the advanced briefing book, including the updated draft of the Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) Permit Stacking Program Review ([Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1: Limited Entry Fixed Gear Permit Stacking Program Review—Public Review Draft](#)), and received a briefing from Ms. Jessi Doerpinghaus and Dr. Jim Seger of Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff. The GMT appreciates Council staff incorporating GMT recommendations into the LEFG review and **recommends adopting the LEFG review document as final, as the analysts' additions make it a very complete and thorough document that the GMT believes fully meets the needs of the review.**

In regard to the timing of the next LEFG review, which is mandated to be initiated by September 2027, the GMT notes that the next Catch Share Review and Inter Sector Allocation agenda item will have to start in 2028. Given the high workload for the analysts and the review burden of the GMT, the **GMT recommends providing enough space between the program reviews the Council must conduct and starting the next LEFG review in 2026. This may allow the Council to complete the LEFG Review before initiating the Catch Share Review.**

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