

WORKLOAD AND NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURE PRIORITIES

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduled to review and revise, as necessary, the current list of proposed groundfish management projects and to provide guidance on groundfish workload, as appropriate. The intent of this agenda item is to review and/or revise the current list of groundfish management measure proposals, provide a dedicated time for submission of new measures, as well as provide an opportunity for the Council to prioritize management measures for work in light of its existing management commitments.

The original design of this process was for the Council to examine all of the existing proposed groundfish management measures in March of each year, prioritize a sub-set of items, and schedule them on the year-at-a-glance calendar in light of other Council responsibilities, as appropriate. At the three subsequent meetings (i.e., June, September, and November), the Council may schedule this agenda item for a brief check-in where new proposals could be submitted for inclusion on the proposed management measure list and, if warranted, measures could be prioritized for development.

In March 2022, the Council reviewed the current list of proposed projects and removed the proposal for at-sea processing south of 42° N. lat. and revised the Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) management measure proposal to include such components as program cost recovery, slinky pots allowance, and clarification of owner-on-board requirements. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) has provided a report (Agenda Item G.2.a, GMT Report 1) that includes their current workload and the up-to-date list of groundfish management measure proposals.

Council Operating Procedure (COP) 19

Under this agenda item, Council staff is requesting that the Council consider revisions to [Council Operating Procedure 19: Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits \(EFP\) in Groundfish Fisheries](#), specifically how EFPs are reviewed and recommended for implementation. Over the course of the summer, Council staff reviewed COP-19 for process improvements. Staff found that the roles and responsibilities of advisory bodies in the groundfish EFP review process could be improved. Suggested revisions are detailed in Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1 for the Council to consider. Council approved revisions to COP-19 could be formally adopted under Agenda Item C.7 Memberships Appointments and Council Operating Procedures, which is scheduled on Wednesday, September 14.

Council Action:

- 1. Review List of Proposed Projects, Amendments, and New Fishery Management Measures.**
- 2. Evaluate Progress on Prioritized Items.**
- 3. Review Proposed Changes to Exempted Fishing Permit Process.**
- 4. Consider Overall Groundfish Workload.**
- 5. Provide Guidance on Groundfish Management Priorities and Schedules.**

Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1. Proposed Revisions to Council Operating Procedure 19.
2. Agenda Item G.2.a, GMT Report 1: Groundfish Management Team Report on Workload and New Management Measures Update.
3. If Received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- G.2 Workload and New Management Measure Priorities Todd Phillips
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review the List of Projects, Amendments, and New Management Measures; Evaluate Progress on Prioritized Items, Review Proposed Changes to Exempted Fishing Permit Process, Consider Overall Workload, and Provide Guidance on Schedules

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