FIXED GEAR MARKING AND ENTANGLEMENT RISK REDUCTION; LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS- PROPOSED WORKPLAN

In June 2023, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) gave guidance under Agenda Item H.4 that the two packages being considered under this agenda item be split into two packages-1) fixed gear marking and entanglement risk reduction and 2) limited entry fixed gear (LEFG) follow-on actions. The fixed gear marking package was noted to be a National Marine Fisheries Service priority.

During Council discussion, Executive Director Burden proposed that Council staff would bring back a workplan at this meeting after resources could be assessed to work on the two projects. Below, staff provides the proposed timeline for each package. Depending on the elements included within each package as well as other ongoing actions that could draw resources, this timing is subject to change.

Fixed Gear Marking and Entanglement Risk Reduction

Meeting	Action
September 2023	Purpose and Need and ROA (if possible)
March 2024	Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA)
June 2024	Final Preferred Alternative (FPA)

LEFG Follow On

Meeting	Action
September 2023	Purpose and Need and ROA (if possible)
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