

G.8 Harvest Specifications Technical Corrections and Inseason Adjustments – Final Action

Council Action:

1. Adopt technical corrections to the harvest specifications for selected species.
2. Review the at-sea cooperative reports to the Council, as appropriate.
3. Adopt 2023-2024 inseason adjustments, as necessary.

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I move the council adopt the GMT recommendations for commercial trip limits and recreational quillback zero retention and season closures as described in Agenda Item G.8.a Supplemental GMT Report 5, September 2023.

Moved by Caroline McKnight

Second by Heather Hall

Roll call vote.

Voting no: Mr. Butch Smith, Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Mr. Bob Dooley, Mr. Brad Pettinger.

Mr. Virgil Moore and Mr. Phil Anderson abstained.

7 yes, 4 no. Motion passed.

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G.8 WDFW Motion

I move the Council adopt the technical corrections to the 2024 harvest specifications as described in [Agenda Item G.8., Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1, September 2023](#) and [Agenda Item G.8., Supplemental Attachment 5, September 2023](#).

Moved by Heather Hall

Second by Lynn Mattes

Motion passed unanimously.

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Motion G.8

I move that the Council encourage the Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative (PWCC) and the Whiting Mothership Cooperative (WMC) develop an intercooperative agreement that establishes preseason and inseason measures to minimize the bycatch of groundfish species that have set asides, and salmon species that have whiting sector guidelines associated with the biological opinion.

Ideally, the intercooperative agreement will specifically reference bycatch avoidance measures that each cooperative has in their respective bycatch reduction plans recognizing that there will be differences as well as commonalities in the avoidance measures used by the two sectors; and would contain a suite of possible inseason actions that will be taken if a cooperative exceeds, or is projected to exceed, its preseason expected bycatch rate and/or share of a groundfish set aside or salmon guideline.

The Council encourages the intercooperative agreement contain a data sharing component. The goal of the data sharing portion of the agreement is to allow individual sector participants to obtain real-time bycatch information thereby assisting each sector's goal of minimizing bycatch of key species.

The Council requests the PWCC and WMC provide a status report at the March meeting relative to progress made on developing the potential agreement with the hope that an agreement is in place for use in the 2024 season.

Moved by Phil Anderson

Second by Bob Dooley

Motion passed unanimously.