

### DRAFT REVISED Action Item Checklist: 2025-2026 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures

This table summarizes the harvest specifications and management measures under consideration for the 2025-26 groundfish management biennium. Reports analyzing the following items will be provided as supplemental to the Council briefing book.

#	Category	Sector	2025-2026 Specifications ( <i>action expected under Agenda Item E.5</i> )	GMT Rpt. #
1		All	<p>Adopt final OFLs, final P*/ABCs, and ACLs for stocks and stock complexes (as approp.).</p> <p>Quillback rockfish off of California: Adopt rebuilding specifications and consider removing from the nearshore rockfish complex (off CA)</p> <p>Adopt PPA for stocks with alternate harvest control rules (HCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rex sole (default P*0.40, alternative HCR P*0.45)</li> <li>● Shortspine thornyhead (default P*0.40, alternative HCR P*0.45)</li> <li>● Canary rockfish (default P*0.45, alternative HCR P*0.40)</li> <li>● Sablefish (default P*0.45, alternative HCR P*0.40)</li> <li>● Dover sole (develop range -default ACL is 50,000 mt, which is higher than 2025/26 ABC)</li> </ul> <p>Consider updating shortspine thornyhead apportionment to current biomass information</p>	
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<b>Groundfish Conservation Area Coordinate Updates</b>				
2	Area Management	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revise, correct depth boundary waypoints, as appropriate</li> </ul>	
<b>Off-the-Top Deductions</b>				
3	Off-the-top deductions	Treaty Fisheries, Research, EFPs, and IOA	<p>Recommend ACL deductions to account for groundfish mortality to determine harvest guidelines (HG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Treaty fisheries</li> <li>● Research activities</li> <li>● Incidental open access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evaluate sablefish recreational fishery impact estimates north and south of 36° N. lat</li> <li>○ Consider specifying set-asides for the Pacific halibut fishery from IOA</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Exempted fishing permits</li> </ul>	

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			<b>Allocations and Harvest Guidelines (HG)</b>	
4	ACT	All	<p>Recommend annual catch targets (ACT), set below the fishery HG, for analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yelloweye rockfish: non-trawl ACT (2023 = 30.0 mt, 2024 = 30.7 mt)</li> <li>● Quillback rockfish off California: Statewide ACT is equal to the statewide ACL</li> <li>● Copper rockfish off California: ACT equal to the ACL contributions for each management area</li> </ul>	
5	Two Year Allocations	Trawl/ Non-Trawl	<p>2-year trawl/non-trawl allocations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Big skate: – 95 percent trawl, 5 percent non-trawl</li> <li>● Bocaccio south of 40°10' N. lat. – 39 percent trawl, 61 percent non-trawl</li> <li>● Canary rockfish: 72.3 percent trawl, 27.7 percent non-trawl</li> <li>● Cowcod south of 40°10' N. lat. 36 percent trawl, 64 percent non-trawl</li> <li>● Lingcod south of 40°10' N. lat. – 40 percent trawl; 60 percent non-trawl</li> <li>● Longnose skate – 90 percent trawl, 10 percent non-trawl</li> <li>● Petrale sole – 30 mt non-trawl, remainder trawl</li> <li>● Shelf Rockfish north of 40°10' N. lat. – 60.2 percent trawl, 39.8 percent non-trawl</li> <li>● Shelf Rockfish south of 40°10' N. lat. – 12.2 percent trawl, 87.8 percent non-trawl</li> <li>● Slope Rockfish Complex south of 40° 10' N lat. including blackgill rockfish</li> <li>● Widow rockfish – 400 mt non-trawl, remainder trawl</li> <li>● Yelloweye rockfish – 8 percent trawl, 92 percent non-trawl</li> </ul>	
6	Rebuilding/ Overfished Species Allocations	All	Yelloweye rockfish	
7	A.21 Allocation Changes	Trawl/ Non-Trawl	Modifications to Amendment 21 species allocations, as appropriate (FMP amendment)	
8	HGs / State Shares for Stocks in a Complex	All	<p>Set preliminary HGs = component ACLs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Blackgill rockfish (within the Slope Rockfish south of 40°10' N. lat. complex)</li> <li>● Oregon Black/Blue/Deacon Rockfish Complex</li> <li>● OR and WA cabezon/kelp greenling complexes</li> <li>● Nearshore Rockfish north of 40°10' N. lat. complex, by state</li> </ul>	

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<b>Whiting Set-Asides, Within Trawl HGs, ACTs, and Shares</b>				
9	Within trawl Set-aside	At-sea whiting	At-sea whiting 2025-2026 set-asides.	
10	Within non-trawl HGs, ACTs, or Shares	LEFG/OA/Recreational	<p>Preliminary 2-year within non-trawl HGs or shares for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Blackgill south of 40°10' N. lat.</li> <li>● Canary rockfish</li> <li>● Cowcod south of 40°10' N. lat.</li> <li>● Bocaccio south of 40°10' N. lat.</li> <li>● Sablefish south of 36° N. lat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evaluate sablefish recreational fishery impacts</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Nearshore Rockfish Complex north of 40°10' N. lat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consider Federal HG for the area 42° to 40°10' N. lat.</li> <li>○ Consider state-specified HG for Washington and Oregon</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Nearshore Rockfish Complex south of 40°10' N. lat.</li> <li>● Yelloweye rockfish</li> </ul>	
<b>Trip Limits, Bag Limits, and Season Structures</b>				
11	IFQ	Shorebased IFQ	IFQ based on allocations, trip limits for non-IFQ species	
12	Open Access (OA)	OA (north of 40°10' N. lat.)	Routine adjustments to the non-trawl RCA configuration, trip limits, size limits:	
13		OA (south of 40°10' N. lat.)	Routine adjustments to the non-trawl RCA configuration, trip limits, size limits	
14	Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG)	LEFG (north of 40°10' N. lat.)	Routine adjustments to the non-trawl RCA configuration, trip limits, size limits	
15		LEFG (south of 40°10' N. lat.)	Routine adjustments to the non-trawl RCA configuration, trip limits, size limits	
16	Recreational	WA Recreational	Routine adjustments to bag limits, season structure, size limits, etc.	
17		OR Recreational	Routine adjustments to bag limits, season structure, size limits, etc.	
18		CA Recreational	Routine adjustments to bag limits, season structure, size limits, etc.	

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			<b>New Management Measures<sup>1</sup></b>	
19	New Management Measures	<i>Commercial and Recreational</i>	<p>Commercial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create Open Access Permit/Registration.</li> </ul> <p>Recreational:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require California recreational anglers to possess a descending device aboard while fishing in Federal waters.</li> <li>• Model recreational fishery season structure for areas north of 34°27' N. lat. for scenarios shoreward of 20 fms and seaward of 50 fm.</li> <li>• Include March in the current offshore-only season south of 34°27' N. lat.</li> <li>• Allow fishing for non-groundfish with hoop nets, crab traps and hand-held dip-nets and/or anchor in nearshore waters during the offshore-only season, with shelf and slope rockfish complex species on-board <u>north</u> of 34°27' N. lat. as long as no other fishing gear is deployed.</li> <li>• Allow fishing for non-groundfish with hoop nets and hand-held dip-nets and/or anchor within in nearshore waters during the offshore-only season, with shelf and slope rockfish complex species on-board <u>south</u> of 34°27' N. lat. as long as no other fishing gear is deployed.</li> </ul> <p>Both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory clarification of closed areas around Farallon Islands, CA.</li> <li>• Update discard mortality rates as appropriate for use in management</li> <li>• Adjust the waypoints around the Rittenberg Bank</li> </ul>	
<b>Quillback Rockfish Rebuilding Plan</b>				
20	Rebuilding Plan	<i>All</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Range of Alternatives for Rebuilding Plan</li> <li>• Remove quillback rockfish from the nearshore rockfish complexes</li> </ul>	

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<sup>1</sup> These items were recommended by the Council based at the September 2023 meeting. Some of the items listed under this category may not be new management measures, but routine. Further analysis will be completed to establish the category for these measures during the GMT's October meeting and a revised checklist will be submitted to the November 2023 briefing book for Council consideration, as appropriate.