

Groundfish Management Team Action Item Checklist: 2025-2026 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures

#	Category	Sector	2025-2026 Management Measures	GMT Rpt. #
Groundfish Conservation Area Coordinate Updates				
2	Area Management	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GMT recommends moving forward with analysis of these minor RCA line changes proposed by CDFW in G.6.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1, September 2023 	Supp. GMT Report 2
Off-the-Top Deductions				
3	Off-the-top deductions	Treaty, Research, EFPs, and IOA	Adopt GMT recommended methodology and off-the-top deductions to account for groundfish mortality to derive HGs as detailed in Supp GMT Report 2	Supp. GMT Report 2
Allocations and Harvest Guidelines (HG)				
4	ACT	All	<p>Annual catch targets (ACT), set below the fishery harvest guideline (HG), for analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider need for non-trawl ACT for yelloweye rockfish Consider a quillback rockfish off Californian ACT based on the adopted OFL/ACL Consider removing statewide California copper rockfish ACT and establishing an ACT south of Pt Conception for the California stock Consider establishing an ACT for sablefish north of 36° N. lat. 	Supp. GMT Report 3
5	Two Year Allocations	Trawl/ Non-Trawl	<p>Adopt status quo for all stocks, except analyze 2-year trawl/non-trawl allocations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canary rockfish: Petrале sole Widow rockfish 	
6	Rebuilding/ Overfished Species Allocations	All	Adopt status quo yelloweye rockfish proportions for trawl/non-trawl allocations (8 percent and 92 percent, respectively).	

Whiting Set-Asides, Within Trawl HGs, ACTs, and Shares				
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7	A.21 Allocation Changes	Trawl/ Non-Trawl	Maintain current A21 trawl/non-trawl allocations, and reconsider allocations during inter-sector allocation review	Supp. GMT Report 3
8	HGs / State Shares for Stocks in a Complex	All	Adopt status quo HGs for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackgill rockfish (within the Slope Rockfish south of 40°10' N. lat. complex) GMT does not see a need for species specific HGs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Black/Blue/Deacon Rockfish Complex • OR and WA cabezon/kelp greenling complexes 	
9	Within trawl Set-aside	At-sea whiting	Adopt status quo at-sea whiting 2025-2026 set-asides for all stocks except the following: Consider revisions to canary rockfish, darkblotched rockfish, sablefish N of 36°, and shortspine thornyhead north of 34°27' N. lat.	
10	Within non-trawl HGs, ACTs, or Shares	LEFG/OA/ Recreational	Adopt status quo 2-year within non-trawl HGs or shares for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackgill south of 40°10' N. lat. • Cowcod south of 40°10' N. lat. • Bocaccio south of 40°10' N. lat. • Sablefish south of 36° N. lat. • Nearshore Rockfish Complex north of 40°10' N. lat. • Consider the need for yelloweye rockfish within non-trawl HG. Analyze canary rockfish within non-trawl HGs Investigate a copper rockfish ACT S of Pt. Conception (34° 27' N. lat)	
Trip Limits, Bag Limits, and Season Structures				
11	IFQ	Shorebased IFQ	Adopt status quo IFQ allocations, trip limits for non-IFQ species	
12	OA	OA (north of 40°10' N. lat.)	Consider routine adjustments to the non-trawl RCA configuration, as appropriate. Analyze, trip limits, size limits, etc. for managed species as appropriate.	

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13	OA	OA (south of 40°10' N. lat.)	Consider routine adjustments to the non-trawl RCA configuration, as appropriate. Analyze, trip limits, size limits, etc. for managed species as appropriate.		
14	LEFG	LEFG (north of 40°10' N. lat.)	Consider routine adjustments to the non-trawl RCA configuration, as appropriate. Analyze, trip limits, size limits, etc. for managed species as appropriate.		
15	LEFG	LEFG (south of 40°10' N. lat.)	Consider routine adjustments to the non-trawl RCA configuration, as appropriate. Analyze trip limits, size limits, etc. for managed species as appropriate.	Supp. GMT Report 4	
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			Analyze routine adjustments to bag limits, season structure, size limits, etc. including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18a. Model recreational fishery season structure for areas north of 34° 27' N. lat. for scenarios shoreward of 20 fms and seaward of 50 fm. • 18b. Include March in the current offshore-only season south of 34° 27' N. lat. • 18c. Regulatory clarification of closed areas around Farallon Islands, CA • 18d. Model zero retention of copper rockfish south of Point Conception (34° 27' N. lat.) and estimate the savings available to attribute to descending device credits (in the future) • 18e. Allow fishing for non-groundfish species with hoop nets and hand-held dip nets in nearshore waters during the offshore-only season, with shelf and slope rockfish complex species on-board north of 34° 27' N. lat. • 18f. For the area south of Point Conception, modify the regulations to explicitly allow recreational vessels to stop and fish with hoop nets and hand-held dip-nets and/or anchor within nearshore waters during the offshore-only season, with shelf and slope species on board so long as no other fishing gear is deployed.
New Management Measures¹					

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19	New Management Measures	Commercial and Recreational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19a Develop Open Access Permit/Registration. • 19b Develop requirement for recreational anglers to possess a descending device aboard a vessel when fishing for groundfish in federal waters. • 19c Remove discard mortality rates (DMR) update process as a new management measure for 2025-26 biennial process per rationale in Supplemental GMT Report 4. • 19d Analyze the need for a Recreational YRCA at Rittenburg Bank 	Supp. GMT Report 4
Quillback Rockfish Rebuilding Plan				
20	Rebuilding Plan	<i>All</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20a Adopt the range of rebuilding strategies in Agenda Item E.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1 to facilitate rebuilding plan analysis • 20b Remove quillback rockfish from the nearshore rockfish complexes per Agenda Item E.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2 	Supp. GMT Report 4

¹ 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.