

E.7 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2025-2026 – Part II

Council Action:

1. Adopt remaining harvest specifications, as necessary.
2. Adopt ACL deductions, at-sea set-asides for the Pacific whiting at-sea fishery, and annual catch targets for analysis, as appropriate.
3. Adopt preliminary two-year allocations for analysis, as appropriate.
4. Provide guidance on routine adjustments to fishery sector management measures.
5. Adopt a range of new management measures for more detailed analysis.

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CDFW Motion 1

Under the E.7.a Supplemental Revised GMT Report 5 – this covers Action Items #1 and #20

I move the Council adopt the 2025-2026 OFL, ABC, ACL values in Table 1-1 and Table 1-2 in Agenda Item E.5 Supplemental Revised Attachment 1 November 2023 for the minor nearshore rockfish complexes north and south of 40° 10' N. Lat. except for quillback rockfish.

For quillback rockfish the following range of 2025-2026 OFL, ABC, ACL values would be used for over winter GMT analysis:

OFL 8.41 mt, ABC:ACL 5.06 mt

OFL 1.52 mt, ABC Rule 1.3 mt

Moved by Caroline McKnight

Seconded by Bob Dooley

Motion passed. 3 voted no

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CDFW Motion 2

I move that Alternative 1, P* of 0.40, ABC=ACL for sablefish be removed from the range of alternatives adopted under Agenda Item E.5.

Moved by Caroline McKnight

Seconded by Lynn Mattes

Motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item E.7. Tribal Motion

I move that the council adopt the preliminary 2025 and 2026 tribal management measures and set-asides as outlined in Supplemental Tribal Report 1, November 2023.

Moved by Joe Oatman

Seconded by Sharon Kiefer

Motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item E.7 ODFW Motion 1

I move the Council adopt the following alternatives for inclusion in the range considered for groundfish management measures in 2025-2026:

(Numbers from [Agenda Item E.7, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1 November 2023](#), the Action Item Checklist)

Action Item #3 Off-the-top Deductions

Adopt the following preliminary set-asides for 2025 and 2026, as shown in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of [Agenda Item E.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, November 2023](#) :

- Research: use the rolling 10-year maximum of research mortality to set research set-asides in 2025-26, except for:

Stock or Management Unit	2025-2026 Research Set-Aside (in mt)
Canary rockfish	10.08
Cowcod	10.00
California quillback rockfish	0.10
YELLOWEYE ROCKFISH	2.92

- Incidental Open Access: use the rolling 10-year maximum methodology to set IOA set-asides in 2025-26 listed in Table 3 in [GMT Report 2](#); except those species listed as the GMT recommendation in Table 4 in [GMT Report 2](#)

Stock or Management Unit	2025-2026 IOA Set-Aside (in mt)
Bocaccio South of 40° 10' N lat.	2.18
Canary rockfish	2.83
Darkblotched rockfish	10.71
Longspine thornyhead north of 34° 27' N lat.	1.26
Petrable sole	4.38
Sablefish south of 36° N lat.	25.00
Widow rockfish	1.00
Nearshore rockfish north of 40° 10' N lat.	1.10
Slope rockfish south of 40° 10' N lat.	0.93
YELLOWEYE ROCKFISH	3.86

- Exempted Fishing Permits: no set-asides for 2025-2026
- Recreational Sablefish:
 - sablefish north of 36° N. lat. recreational off-the-top set-aside of 30 mt
 - create a sablefish south of 36° N. lat. recreational off-the-top set-aside of 10 mt.

Action Item #5 Two Year Allocations

Adopt status quo for two year allocations for all stocks, except:

- Canary rockfish—have the GMT develop any alternative options for Council consideration in March and/or April,
- Petrale sole – have the GMT develop any alternative options for Council consideration in March and/or April,
- Widow rockfish-- 200 mt non-trawl, remainder to trawl

Action Item #6 Rebuilding/Overfished Species Allocations

Adopt the status quo yelloweye rockfish proportions for trawl/non-trawl allocations (8 and 92 percent, respectively)

Action Item # 7 Amendment-21 Allocation Changes

Maintain current Amendment-21 trawl/non-trawl allocations, and reconsider allocations during inter-sector allocation review.

Action Item #8 HGs / State Shares for Stocks in a Complex

Adopt status quo HG for

- Blackgill rockfish (within the Slope Rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat. complex)

No species specific HGs for:

- Oregon Black/Blue/Deacon Rockfish Complex
- OR and WA cabezon/kelp greenling complexes

Action Item #17 Oregon Recreational Fishery

ODFW and the GMT, as needed, will analyze routine measures such as bag limits, season structures, depth limits, and length limits, etc., including an increased bag limit for sablefish, that keep catch from exceeding harvest targets for the Oregon recreational fishery.

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Caroline McKnight

Motion passed unanimously.

WDFW Motion 1 – E.7 2025-2026 Groundfish Management Measures

I move that the Council adopt the following alternatives in the range considered in the 2025-2026 groundfish harvest specifications and management measure process.

Action Item #9 At-Sea Set Asides

- Analyze the range of at-sea set-asides listed in Table 12 of the GMT report (Agenda Item E.7, Supp GMT Report 3, November 2023), in addition to all status quo at-sea set-asides.

Action Item #10 Within non-trawl HG/Shares

- Adopt status quo 2-year within non-trawl HG's, ACTs or shares for:
 - 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.
 - Yelloweye rockfish
- Analyze all allocation and management schemes for canary rockfish including alternatives for the commercial non-nearshore and nearshore shares.
- Analyze a copper rockfish ACT for the recreational fishery south of Pt. Conception.

Action Item #16 – WA Recreational

- Analyze routine changes to Washington recreational fisheries; specific measures may consider revisions to season dates, bag limits, or depth restrictions that keep catch from exceeding harvest targets.

Action Item #19 – New Management Measures

19a. Develop open access permit or registration

19b. Develop requirement for recreational anglers to possess a descending device aboard a vessel when fishing for groundfish in federal waters.

Other: Electronic monitoring (EM) discard list: align the discard species list in regulation with the list that was in the vessel monitoring plan (VMP) for the exempted fishing permit, evaluate whether it's feasible to move the discard species list from regulation to the VMP to add flexibility.

Other: WDFW Sorting Requirement: consider revisions to federal sorting requirements to require all rockfish be sorted to species.

19c remove updates to discard mortality rates (DMR)

19d remove analysis of a Recreational YRCA at Rittenburg Bank

Moved by Heather Hall

Second by Lynn Mattes

Motion passed unanimously.

CDFW Motion 3:

I move the Council adopt the following alternatives in the range considered in the 2025-2026 Groundfish Harvest Specification and Management Measure Process. Following the Action Item Checklist numbering from Agenda Item E.7.a Supplemental GMT Report 5 and Agenda Item E.7.a Supplemental GAP Report 1

Action Item #2 Area Management

Evaluate minor revisions to Rockfish Conservation Area Adjustments waypoints to better align with bathymetry lines as described in Agenda Item G.6.a Supplemental CDFW Report 1 September 2023

Action Item #4 ACT

Copper Rockfish – Evaluate removing statewide California copper rockfish ACT and establish an ACT south of Pt. Conception for the California stock.

Quillback rockfish off California

Yelloweye rockfish – Do not analyze removing – status quo

Sablefish ACT North of 36°- Do not analyze

Action Item #11

Shorebased IFQ – Status quo IFQ allocations, RCA configurations, trip limits for non-IFQ species

Action Item #12-15

Evaluate routine adjustments to the non-trawl RCA configuration, as appropriate. Analyze trip limits, size limits, etc. for managed species as appropriate as indicated by GMT Report 5 and GAP Report 1 recommendations.

OA North of 40° 10 N. lat.

OA South of 40° 10 N. lat.

LEFG North of 40° 10 N. lat.

LEFG South of 40° 10 N. lat.

Action Item #18

California Recreational

Analyze routine adjustments to bag limits, season structure, size limits, etc. as appropriate including 18a-18f from GMT Report 5

Moved by Caroline McKnight Seconded by Bob Dooley

Motion passed unanimously.

CDFW Motion 4

I move the Council adopt the following alternative for consideration in the 2025-2026 Groundfish Harvest Specification and Management Measure Process.

Action Item #20 – Remove quillback rockfish off California from the nearshore rockfish complexes.

Moved by Caroline McKnight

Seconded by Heather Hall

Amendment by Lynn Mattes (yellow highlight)

Second by Heather Hall

Amendment passed unanimously.

Main motion as amended passed unanimously.