

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

Under Agenda Item F.5, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is expected to have provided the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) clarifications and potential new analyses to complete within the harvest specifications and new management measures timeline (Final Preferred Alternative in June 2024).

The GMT requests the Council prioritize our forthcoming workload to complete the 2025-26 harvest specifications and management measure process, including guidance on:

- Shortspine thornyhead new management measure analysis
- California Quillback Rockfish Rebuilding Plan analysis
- Any other pending Council decisions under F.5

May 8th is the advanced briefing book deadline, which gives the team four weeks (starting from the end of this April meeting) to analyze and complete all products.

In June, the GMT will be on the Council floor for harvest specifications on Wednesday, June 12th, but also scheduled to travel home that day. The GMT requests to stay through the groundfish floor discussions for F.5 Adopt Final 2025-26 EFPs, Specifications, and Management Measures and F.7 Inseason Management, then travel the following day, June 13th. In the past, this travel schedule was allowed and will benefit the team to:

- Follow the discussions and decisions on harvest specifications and inseason creating continuity of understanding, and
- Travel home safely.

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