

# Agenda Item F.6.a Supplemental GMT Report

Action Items #1-21 &  
Quillback Rebuilding Plan

# GMT Recommends approving the EFP applications

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(1) Recreational Cowcod, Quillback Rockfish, and Yelloweye Rockfish Sampling in California - California Department of Fish and Wildlife (F.6 Attachment 5); and

(2) Year-Round Trawl Gear (Midwater Rockfish) EFP: Monitoring and Minimizing Salmon Bycatch When Targeting Rockfish in the Shorebased IFQ Fishery, 2025-2026 – West Coast Seafood Processors Association; Oregon Trawl Commission (F.6 Attachment 4)

The GMT also recommends removing the 100 Chinook salmon allowance for the non-trawl EFPs for the 2025-26 biennium.

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**The GMT recommends the Council adopt the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment language proposed in [Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 6](#).**

# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA: AIC #1-3

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- Adopt the proposed waypoint modifications to the 50 fathom (fm) rockfish conservation area (RCA) line as specified by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in F.5.a Supplemental CDFW Report 1 as FPA.
- Research & incidental open access (IOA) - Adopt the Research & IOA set-asides for 2025-26 in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of F.5.a. Supplemental GMT Report 3, April 2024 as FPA.
- Recreational sablefish north of of 36° N - Adopt a set-aside of 30 metric tons (mt) as specified in Appendix 3 of F.5.a Supplemental GMT Report 3, April 2024 as FPA.
- Tribal - Adopt set-aside requests as outlined in F.5.a. Supplemental Tribal Report 1, April 2024 as FPA

# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA\*: AIC #4-5

- Remove the yelloweye rockfish annual catch target (ACT) for non-trawl fisheries, including sector-specific ACTs for the commercial non-trawl and recreational sectors.
- Remove the statewide ACT for Ca. copper rockfish. Establish a recreational ACT for Ca. copper rockfish south of 34° 27' N. lat. of 15.8 mt in 2025 and 18.0 mt in 2026.
- Remove California quillback rockfish stock statewide ACT
- Adopt two-year trawl/non-trawl allocations listed in [Appendix 1 of Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#).

*\*Except, the GMT has no recommendations for canary rockfish allocations.*

# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA: AIC #6-8

- Yelloweye rockfish rebuilding allocations: 8% trawl, 92% non-trawl
- Status quo formal species allocations, except for: shortspine thornyhead
- Blackgill rockfish (within the slope rockfish complex south of 40° 10' N. lat.)
- No species-specific HGs for:
  - Oregon black/blue/deacon rockfish complex
  - OR and WA cabezon/kelp greenling complexes

# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA: AIC #9

- Adopt at-sea whiting fishery 2025-26 set-asides as detailed in [Table 21 of Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2, June 2024](#), noting departures from status quo for the following:
  - Arrowtooth flounder, 100 mt
  - Canary rockfish, 20 mt
  - Darkblotched rockfish, 100 mt
  - Other flatfish, 100 mt
  - Sablefish north of 36° N. lat., 429 mt
  - Widow rockfish, 300 mt
  - Yellowtail north of 40° 10' N. lat., 360 mt

# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA\*: AIC #10

- Cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat.: 50 percent commercial non-trawl, 50 percent recreational
- Bocaccio south of 40° 10' N. lat.: 30.9 percent commercial non-trawl, 69.1 percent recreational
- Sablefish south of 36° N. lat.: 70 percent LEFG, 30 percent OA

*\*Except, the GMT has no recommendations for canary rockfish allocations.*



# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA\*: AIC #11-15

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- Adopt status quo shorebased IFQ trip limits for non-IFQ species
- Adopt LEFG and OA trip limits listed in Appendices 2 and 3 of [Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental GMT Report 1, June 2024](#)

*\*Except, divergence from PPA: Splitnose rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat.  
FPA recommendation: Option 2, 400 lbs. per 2 months for all periods*

# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA\*: AIC #16-18

- **Washington:** \*PPA as FPA, except a change to the canary rockfish sub-bag limit from 4 to 5 fish, Adopt recreational fishery management measures as described in [Agenda Item F.6.a Revised WDFW Report 1, June 2024](#).
- **Oregon:** Adopt recreational fishery management measures as described in [F.5.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 1, April 2024](#).
- **California:** Adopt the season structure and sub-bag limits (same as 2024) and remove size limits for cabezon, greenling, and CA scorpionfish as described in [Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1, April 2024](#). Include EC filet skin requirements as described in [Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental EC Report 1, April 2024](#).

# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA AIC #19 a, b, & c\*

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## Commercial

- **19a.** Option 2, establish a directed open access permit program
- **19b.** Option 2, correct EM program discard and retention requirements regulations

\*19c. Removed from consideration (Rockfish Sorting Requirements)

# AIC #19 d Shortspine thornyhead management

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**GMT recommends as FPA:** Option 2, remove the shortspine thornyhead management line at 34° 27' N. lat. and adopt the following sub-options (as noted in [F.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2024](#) and detailed in [F.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, April 2024](#)):

- *Trawl/non-trawl allocation: The GMT does not have a recommendation and defers to the GAP.*
- Non-trawl ACT: Sub-option 2, non-trawl ACT north of 34° 27' N. lat. set equal to 25 percent of the coastwide non-trawl allocation
- PPA as FPA: Non-trawl trip limit adjustments
- Manage shortspine thornyhead with two-year allocations

# AIC #21 Shortspine thornyhead management

	Shortspine Thornyhead (mt)	
	2025	2026
<b>Overfishing Limit (OFL)</b>	940	961
<b>ABC</b>	821	831
<b>ACL</b>	815.3	824.7
<b>Off-the-top Deductions a/</b>	72	72
<i>Tribal</i>	50	50
<i>Exempted Fishing Permit</i>	0	0
<i>Research</i>	16.3	16.3
<i>Incidental Open Access (IOA)</i>	5.7	5.7
<b>Fishery Harvest Guideline</b>	743.3	752.7

a/ Based on the PPA off-the-top deductions in Tables 5 and 6 of [Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2](#).

# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA AIC #19 e, f, g

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## Recreational

- **19 e.** Option 2, Require recreational anglers to possess a descending device aboard while fishing in federal waters.
- **19 f.** Option 2, Modify continuous vessel transit limitations for California recreational vessels in federal waters

## Other

- **19 g.** Update the scientific name of Pacific sand lance and common name of Pacific spiny dogfish in federal regulation

# GMT Recommends PPA as FPA AIC #20:

## California Quillback Rockfish Rebuilding Plan

- o Remove California quillback rockfish from the nearshore rockfish complexes north and south of  $40^{\circ} 10'$  N. lat.
- o Adopt a California Quillback Rockfish Rebuilding Plan using Alternative 2 (ABC Rule) as the Final Preferred Alternative (FPA) rebuilding strategy, with rebuilding parameters of  $T_{\text{TARGET}} = 2060$  and  $T_{\text{MAX}} = 2071$ .

[Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental GMT Report 2, June 2024](#)

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