

F.6 2025-26 Harvest Specifications,
Management Measures, and Exempted
Fishing Permits – Fishery Management Plan
(FMP) Amendment – Final Action

Council Action:

Adopt Final Preferred Harvest Specifications, Management Measures, including a California Quillback Rebuilding Plan, and Exempted Fishing Permits for 2025-26 Fisheries

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F.6 Tribal Motion:

I move that the Council adopt as final preferred alternative the tribal set-asides, harvest guidelines and allocations as shown in item Agenda Item F.5.a Tribal Supplemental Report 1 April 2024.

Moved by Joe Oatman

Seconded by Sharon Kiefer

Motion passes unanimously

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Agenda Item F.6. ODFW Motion 1

(Numbers from [Agenda Item F.6 Attachment 1 June 2024](#), the Action Item Checklist)

I move the Council adopt the following alternatives as the final preferred alternative for groundfish management measures in 2025-2026:

Exempted Fishing Permits

Adopt both EFP renewals for the 2025-26 management period:

1. West Coast Seafood Processors Association (WCSPA) and Oregon Trawl Commission (OTC) Year-Round Trawl Gear (Midwater Rockfish) EFP
2. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Fishery-Dependent Biological Data Collection EFP - renew for cowcod, and add quillback and yelloweye rockfishes for 2025-2026

Action Item #2 Off-the-top Deductions

Adopt the following final set-asides for 2025 and 2026, as shown in Appendix 1 in [Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, June 2024](#):

- 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	10.1
Cowcod	10.0
CALIFORNIA QUILLBACK ROCKFISH	0.1
YELLOW EYE ROCKFISH	2.9

- Incidental Open Access: use the rolling 10-year maximum methodology to set IOA set-asides in 2025-26 except for:

Stock or Management Unit	2025-2026 IOA Set-Aside (in mt)
Bocaccio South of 40° 10' N lat.	2.2
Canary rockfish	2.8
Darkblotched rockfish	10.7
Longspine thornyhead north of 34° 27' N lat.	1.3
Petrable sole	4.4
Sablefish south of 36° N lat.	25.0
Widow rockfish	1.0
Nearshore rockfish north of 40° 10' N lat.	1.1
Slope rockfish south of 40° 10' N lat.	0.9
YELLOWEYE ROCKFISH	3.9

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

Action Item #5 Two Year Trawl/Non-Trawl Allocations

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

- Widow rockfish-300 mt non-trawl, remainder to trawl

As recommended by the GAP in Appendix 1 of [Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, June 2024](#).

Action Item # 6 Rebuilding Species/ Overfished Species Allocations

Maintain the current yelloweye rockfish rebuilding allocations: 8 percent trawl, 92 percent non-trawl.

Action Item # 7 Amendment-21 Allocation Changes

Maintain current Amendment-21 trawl/non-trawl allocations for all species except for shortspine thornyhead (covered under Action Item #19), and reconsider allocations during inter-sector allocation review.

Action Item #8 Harvest Guidelines/ 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

Adopt the recommendations for the Oregon recreational fishery as outlined in [Agenda Item F.5. Supplemental ODFW Report 1, April 2024](#).

Action Item #19g New Management Measures-Other

Adopt the updated scientific name for Pacific sand lance to *Ammodytes personatus* and the common name for spiny dogfish to Pacific spiny dogfish in regulation.

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Christa Svensson

Motion passes unanimously

F.6 CDFW Motion 1

I move the Council adopt the following final preferred management measure alternatives for 2025-2026, following the Action Item Checklist (Agenda Item F.6., Attachment 1, June 2024).

Action Item #1 Area Management

- Minor revisions to Rockfish Conservation Area waypoints as recommended in Agenda Item F.5.a Supplemental CDFW Report 1, April 2024

Action Item #4 ACT(s)

Adopt the following:

- Yelloweye rockfish non-trawl ACTs: 2025 = 31.7 mt, 2026 = 32.3
- Remove the California quillback rockfish non-trawl ACT
- California copper rockfish: Remove statewide ACT and establish a recreational ACT south of 34° 27' N. Lat of 15.8 mt in 2025 and 18.0 mt in 2026 as recommended in Agenda Item F.6.a. Supplemental CDFW Report 1 June 2024.

Action Item #10 (LEFG/OA/Recreational)

- Adopt Status Quo 2-year within trawl and/or non-trawl sharing agreement for:
 - Blackgill rockfish and slope rockfish south of 40°10' N. lat.
 - Canary rockfish: 36 percent commercial non-trawl, 12.3 percent WA recreational, 18.5 percent OR recreational, 33.2 percent CA recreational
 - 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
 - 10 mt sablefish south of 36° N. lat. set-aside for the recreational sector
- Nearshore Rockfish Complex north of 40°10' N. lat. by state
 - No federal HGs for the area 42° to 40° 10' N. lat.
 - Status quo state-specified informal HGs for Washington and Oregon
- Yelloweye rockfish: 20.9 percent commercial non-trawl, 25.6 percent WA recreational, 23.3 percent OR recreational, 30.2 percent CA recreational

Action Item #18 California Recreational Trip Limits, Bag Limits and Season Structures

- Adopt the recreational fishery season structure and subbag 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 fillet skin requirements as described in Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental EC Report 1, April 2024.

Action Item #19 e and f: New Management Measures (Recreational)

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

Action Item #20 Quillback Rockfish Rebuilding Plan

- Remove California quillback rockfish from the nearshore rockfish complexes off California
- Adopt Harvest Specification Alternative 2, the ABC Rule from the rebuilding analysis
- Adopt the California Quillback Rockfish Rebuilding Plan Analysis for 2025 and beyond (Agenda Item F.6 Supplemental Revised Attachment 3, June 2024).
- Adopt proposed FMP language and changes (Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 6, June 2024)

Moved by Marci Yaremko

Seconded by Bob Dooley

Motion passes unanimously

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WDFW Motion 1 – F.6 2025-2026 Groundfish Management Measures

I move the Council adopt the following alternatives as the final preferred management measure alternatives for 2025-2026, numbering refers to the Action Item Checklist (Agenda Item F.6., Attachment 1, June 2024).

Action Item #9 At-Sea Set Asides

Adopt at-sea whiting fishery 2025-26 set-asides as detailed in Table 21 of Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2, June 2024

Action Item #11 Shorebased IFQ

Adopt status quo IFQ trip limits for non-IFQ species

Action Item #12 - 15 OA and LEFG North and South of 40 10

Adopt trip limits in Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, June 2024, Appendices 2 and 3

Action Item #16 – WA Recreational

Adopt the recommendations for the Washington recreational fishery as described in Supplemental WDFW Report 1, June 2024

Action Item #19 – New Management Measures Commercial

19a. Adopt Option 2, establish a directed open access permit program

19b. Adopt Option 2, correct EM program discard and retention requirement regulations

19d. Adopt shortspine thornyhead management changes (as noted in Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2024 and detailed in Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, April 2024):

- 1) Remove the management line for shortspine thornyhead

2a) Sub-Option B, allocation proportions for the 2025-2026 biennium (in 2025, 64% trawl/36% to non-trawl; in 2026, 71% trawl/29% non-trawl)

2b) Sub-Option 2, non-trawl ACT north of 34°27' N. lat. set at 25% of the coastwide non-trawl allocation with 2a Sub-Option B, 2025 ACT 67 mt and 2026 ACT 55 mt

2c) Option 2, non-trawl trip limits:

- Convert OA trip limits from monthly to bimonthly.
- ~~Increase trip limits for LEFG north 40° 10' N. lat. and between 40° 10' N. lat. – 34° 27' N. lat. trip limits.~~
- Confirm two-year allocation
- Adopt proposed FMP amendment language, as appropriate

Action Item #21 – Convert Current shortspine thornyhead ACL to a single coastwide ACL

Convert current shortspine thornyhead ACLs north and south of 34° 27' N. lat. to a single coastwide ACL based on recommendation under 19d.

Moved by Heather Hall

Seconded by Phil Anderson

Motion as amended passes unanimously

Amendment to the Original WDFW Motion:

I move to amend the motion as follows. Under Action Item 19d, strike the last bullet as indicated below:

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Moved by Phil Anderson

Seconded by Lynn Mattes

Motion to amend passes unanimously

**F.6 Ridings motion to reconsideration of prior motion made by CDFW
 Moved by Corey Ridings
 Approval to reconsider passes unanimously**

F.6 CDFW Motion 2

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Action Item #4 ACT(s)

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Table 7. PPA. 2025-26 non-trawl yelloweye rockfish harvest guidelines (HG) and annual catch target (ACT) for the sector and sub-sectors.

	2025		2026	
	HG (mt)	ACT (mt)	HG (mt)	ACT (mt)
Non-Trawl Sector	37.7	29.6	38.8	30.4
<i>Non-nearshore / Nearshore (20.9%)</i>	7.9	6.2	8.1	6.4
<i>WA Rec (25.6%)</i>	9.7	7.6	9.9	7.8
<i>OR Rec (23.3%)</i>	8.8	6.9	9.1	7.1
<i>CA Rec (30.2%)</i>	11.4	8.9	11.7	9.2

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Moved by Marci Yaremko

Seconded by Bob Dooley

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