

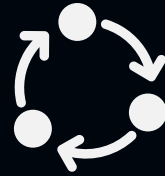
# Phase 2: Scoping

AGENDA ITEM 1.8  
PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
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# Discussion Objectives



**OVERVIEW**



**PROCESS**



**SCOPE**

# Phase 2: Action

## Adopt the Scope and Workplan: Provide Guidance on Next Steps

1. Adopt a Purpose and Need Statement for Step 1.
2. Adopt the scope for Step 1 of Phase 2.
3. Adopt a workplan in consideration of the scope.
4. Provide guidance to facilitate the analysis, as appropriate.

# Past and Present

- **Phase 1 ~ Amendment 31**
  - Developed stock definition process
  - Defined 20 stocks for 14 priority groundfish stocks
  - COP 9 revised to allow new stock definitions and/or revisions
- **Stock Definitions 2025 and 2027 species**
  - Necessary as Phase 2 will not be completed
  - Assessors need to provide specifications at scale defined
  - Adopted PPA at this meeting

# Phase 2

## The Council must :

- Identify and define stocks of species in need of Federal conservation and management
- Revise groundfish stock complexes to align with MSA and NS<sub>1</sub>

## The Council could:

- Consider delegation of groundfish management aspects to States

# Phase 2: Purpose and Need

- **Draft Language in Agenda Item 1.8, Attachment 1**
- **Goal of action is to align FMP with MSA & National Standards**
- **FMP Amendment is necessary**

# Phase 2: Process Steps

**Step 1**

**Identify/Define stocks in need of Fed. conservation and management**

**Step 2**

**Reconsider and Revise Stock Complexes**

**Step 3**

**Consider Delegation of Management**



# Phase 2: Steps

- **Step 1**

- Identify/define stocks in need of Federal conservation & management
- Identify species as ECS or those that can be removed from FMP

- **Step 2: Stock Complexes**

- Complexes must be evaluated for compliance with MSA and the National Standards
- Current complexes may change based on Step 1 outcomes

- **Step 3: Delegation of Management**

- Council could delegate aspects of management to States
- Not mandatory, but Council has indicated interest in the past



# Process Steps

**Step 1**

**Identify/Define stocks in need of Fed. conservation and management**

**Step 2**

**Reconsider and Revise Stock Complexes**

**Step 3**

**Consider Delegation of Management**



# Step 1

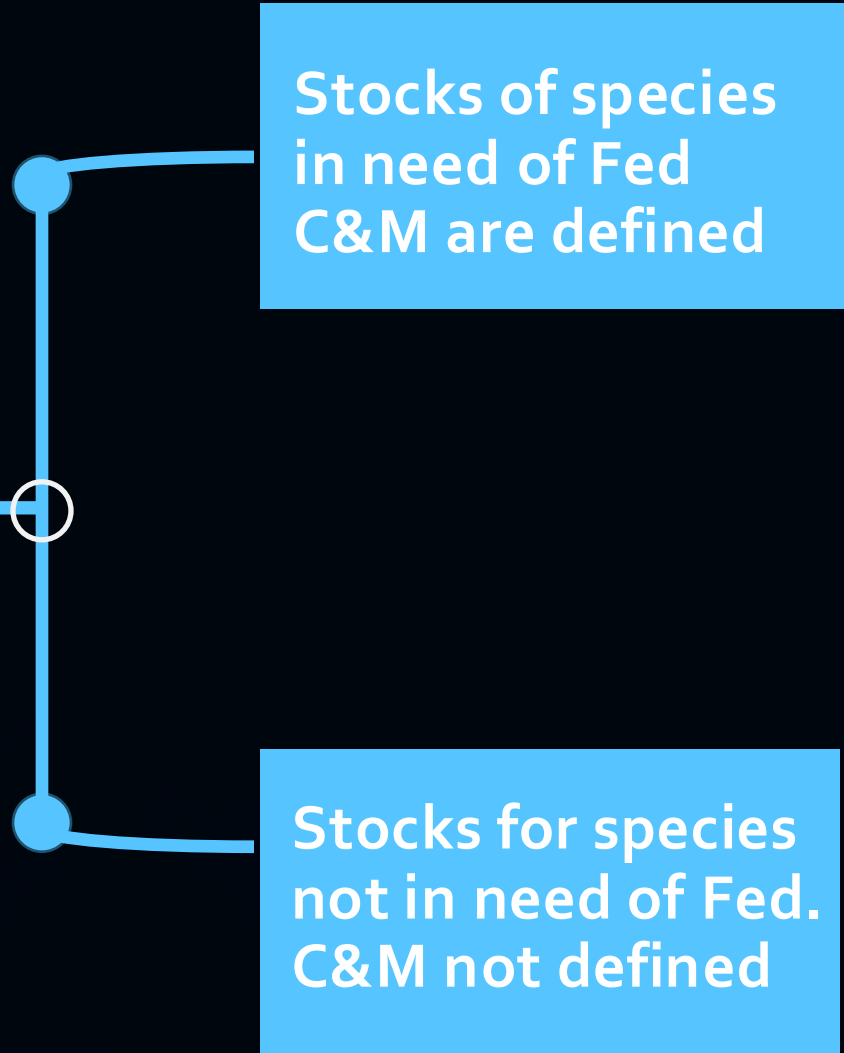
Council identifies species in need of Fed. Conservation & Management

## Components Considered:

Is it overfished or undergoing overfishing (*or likely to be*) and Predominantly caught in EEZ

*If not the above, then*

Review of factors at §600.305(c)



Stocks of species in need of Fed C&M are defined

Defined per Amendment 31 process

Stocks for species not in need of Fed. C&M not defined

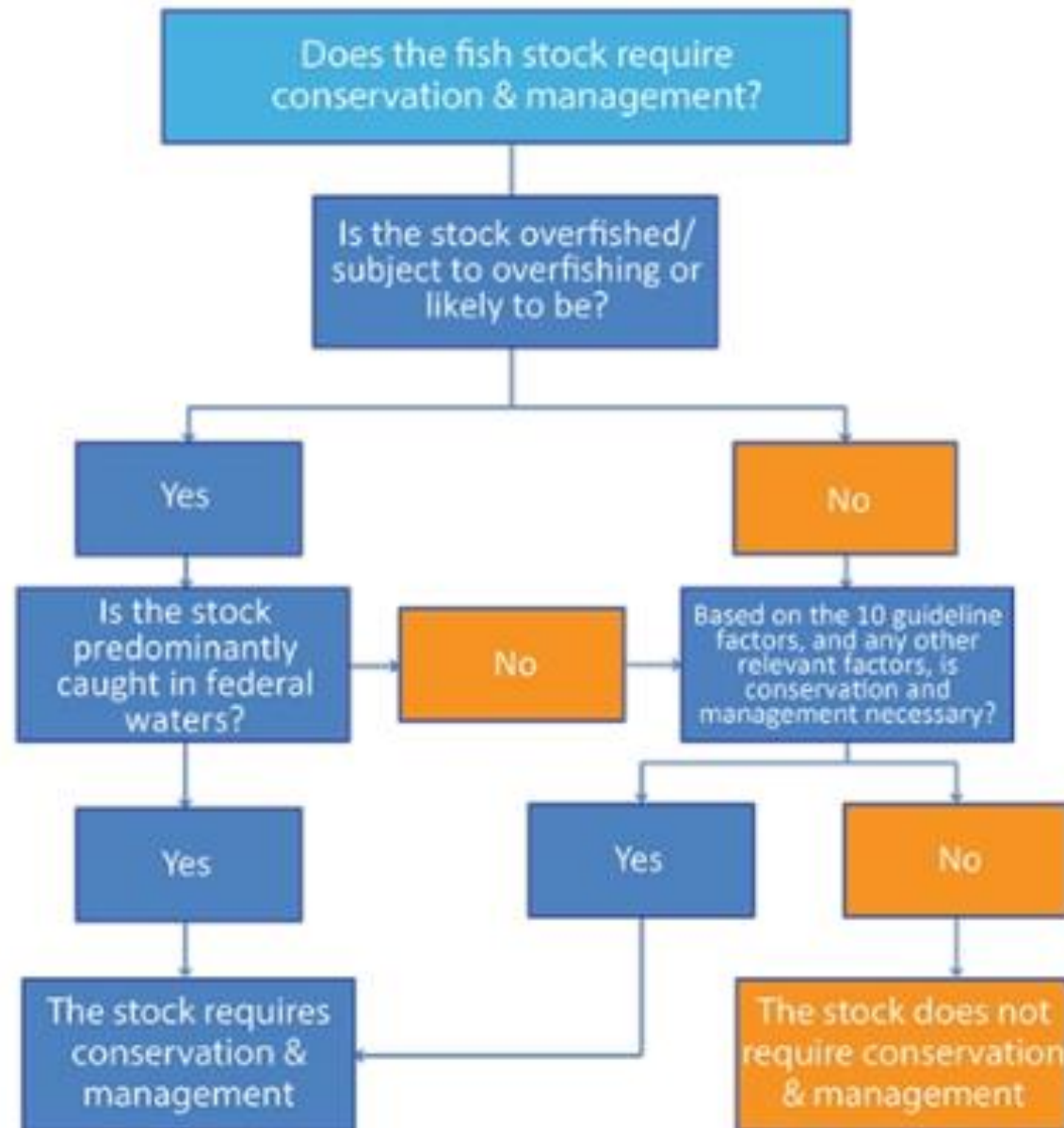
Consider removal from FMP  
Or  
identify as ECS

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# Conservation & Management Determinations



Source: [NMFS NS1 Guidelines](#).