

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON STOCK DEFINITIONS FOR SPECIES ASSESSED IN 2025 AND 2027 – FINAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) recommends adopting as Final Preferred Alternative (FPA) the stock definitions for priority species as shown in Table 1 below, based on the current analysis ([Agenda Item I.4, Attachment 1 November 2024](#)) that describes relevant and available information to determine stock definitions for these species. GMT analysis and rationale for Final Preferred Alternatives (FPA) remains unchanged from our Preliminary Preferred Alternative recommendations in September 2024 ([Agenda Item I.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, September 2024](#)).

Table 1. GMT Recommended FPAs for priority groundfish species’ stock definitions. North=N. South=S.

Priority Species	Alternative	Stock Area(s) Delineation
Chilipepper rockfish	1	Coastwide
English sole	1	Coastwide
Redbanded rockfish	1	Coastwide
Rougheye/Blackspotted rockfish	1	Coastwide
Widow rockfish	1	Coastwide
Yellowtail rockfish	3	N. of 40° 10' N. lat. stock and S. 40° 10' N. lat. stock
Yelloweye rockfish	1	Coastwide

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