

## WORKLOAD AND NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURES PRIORITIES

The overarching objective of this agenda item is for the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to consider prioritizing development of new management measures in respect to 2025 groundfish workload under this agenda item. In sum, this agenda item has three main components. First, it is a dedicated time for constituents to propose new groundfish management measures for the Council to consider. Second, the Council is expected to review and revise the existing list of proposed groundfish management measures and/or incorporate new proposals, as appropriate. Council could prioritize development of management measures for work in the coming year, but should do so in light of the current 2025 groundfish workload which includes the development of the 2027-28 harvest specifications and management measures.

The last time this agenda item was scheduled was March 2023. Since then, all prioritized items at that time have either been completed or are in the process of being completed. It is important to note, however, that the Council is not bound to prioritize any new management measures if it determines the current groundfish workload is sufficient for the year. Management measures, if prioritized for development, are not scheduled under this agenda item but, rather, under Agenda Item J.4, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning, after an assessment of Council and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff capacity.

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) updated and described the proposed management measures at their February work session (GMT Report 1) and has additionally provided a stand-alone list (GMT Report 2) of the measures.

At the March 2023 meeting, the Council requested more information regarding a prohibition on a directed shortbelly rockfish fishery and information related to the development of a permit to allow commercial sale of recreational fish waste. Council staff have prepared a document regarding a directed fishery for shortbelly rockfish (Attachment 1) for the Council's and advisory body review. The GMT has updated and expanded upon the previously summarized information regarding sale of recreational fish waste in GMT Report 1 (see Item B8).

The Council also directed staff to develop a best practices document for this process, and a draft version of a best practices document (Attachment 2). The goal of the best practices document is to describe this process and make it available on the Council's website for public awareness and reference. Advisory bodies and the Council are invited to give guidance to Staff on the text.

Additionally, the Council requested more information from NMFS regarding the availability of data necessary to consider implementation of the new management measures related to the "trawl gear EFP" (see Items B2 & B4 in GMT report 1) NMFS has provided a report for Council review and discussion (NMFS Report 1).

### **Council Tasks:**

- 1. Review, revise, and update the current list of groundfish management measures, as appropriate;**

2. **Consider the draft best practices document and provide guidance;**
3. **Prioritize management measures for development, as appropriate; and**
4. **Consider other groundfish workload and provide guidance on priorities and schedules.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.8, Attachment 1: Directed Shortbelly Rockfish Fishery Informational Report.
2. Agenda Item H.8, Attachment 2: Draft Best Practices for the Groundfish Workload and New Management Measure Prioritization Process.
3. Agenda Item H.8.a, NMFS Report 1: National Marine Fisheries Service Report on Groundfish Workload and New Management Measures.
4. Agenda Item H.8.a, GMT Report 1: Groundfish Management Team Report on Workload and New Management Measures Update.
5. Agenda Item H.8.a, GMT Report 2: Lists of the Prioritized and the Proposed Groundfish Management Measures.
6. If Received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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|     | c. <b>Council Action:</b> Adopt Priorities and Provide Guidance on Schedules |               |

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