

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA & WORKLOAD PLANNING

June 2025

Recognizing the importance of management flexibility, **the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) recommends that Agenda Item C.9 (Harvest Specifications Flexibility - Scoping) be unshaded.** The GMT also understands that shaded item C.6 Gear Switching – Implementation Clarifications is no longer needed for implementation to move forward and can be removed from the June 2025 agenda. **If so, the team recommends the Council remove C.6 Gear Switching – Implementation Clarifications from the June agenda.** With these changes, **the GMT recommends that Inseason (currently Agenda Item C.7) be moved to Saturday, June 14th.** This would enable the GMT to formally break on the 14th and have a travel day on Sunday, June 15th without needing to attend to Groundfish agenda items. Members of the GMT who are able to attend remotely could then do so on Monday the 16th, reducing Council expenditures. Having all day Sunday to travel home also ensures the safety of those team members who live far from an airport.

Additionally, the GMT is generally interested in attending the Scientific and Statistical Committee's Groundfish Subcommittee meeting on the morning of Wednesday, June 11th when update assessments will be reviewed. **The GMT therefore recommends that the GMT start time of 12PM (noon) on the 11th be maintained, and that the team be permitted to travel on Tuesday, June 10th to Rohnert Park, CA.**

Assuming item C6 Gear Switching – Implementation Clarifications is removed and C4 Initiative 4: Risk Tables is unshaded, the GMT notes that up to 10 agenda items¹ currently on the June agenda could warrant comments from the team, depending on the information in the briefing book materials and subsequent team discussion. If the Council wishes the GMT to consider commenting on all of these items, the team would need a multi-day pre-meeting webinar to ensure that the team has sufficient time to review, discuss, and draft reports. A 2-day pre-meeting webinar in May following the Yellowtail Rockfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel would be ideal. Otherwise, the team requests Council guidance on which items on the June agenda to prioritize for consideration and discussion. Either way, the GMT expects to work with Council staff regarding which agenda items might be best suited for our webinar in an effort to optimize efficiency.

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¹ Referencing [Agenda Item H.3. Attachment 2](#), these include C2 - Limited Entry Fixed Gear Follow On FPA; C.3 - Adopt Stock Assessments for 2027-28; C4 - Initiative 4: Risk Tables; C5 - Intersector Allocation Review Final; C7 - Inseason Management; C8 Stock Definitions PPA, FPA if possible; C9 - Harvest Specifications Flexibility Scoping; C10 - 2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Planning; F1 - Research and Data Needs Final; and G6 - Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning.