

GMT REPORT ON COUNCIL RESPONSE TO EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) considered the Executive Order (EO) Priorities: stabilize markets, improve access, enhance economic profitability, and prevent closures, and identifies groundfish-related Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) actions and tasks responsive to these priorities, taking into account workload and capacity. The GMT reviewed the [Year-At-A-Glance](#) (YAG) and found most Council Agenda items fit all four priorities.

Since almost all currently agendized items have substantial workload, any reduction in National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) or Council staff time and resources directly impacts the capacity to meet the EO's priorities. The majority of GMT work related to the agenda items listed below (attending Council meetings, report writing, analyzing data, and presenting information to the Council) supports all four EO priorities.

The Agenda items listed below meet the priorities outlined in the EO, and removal from the YAG would limit the Council's ability to achieve the stated EO priorities. While the list below only looks at those agenda items currently scheduled on the YAG, the GMT also notes that nearly all issues on the [Groundfish Workload and New Management Measures Prioritization list](#) also address the four EO priorities specifically, as they are often aimed at improving the groundfish fishery to achieve optimal utilization. The [Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan](#) goals and objectives are also designed to stabilize markets, improve access, enhance economic profitability, and prevent closures. Collectively, these documents and workload lists feed into current agenda items (primarily Harvest Specifications and Management Measures) or could be agendized separately to restore American seafood competitiveness as workload and staffing resources allow.

Agenda Items from the YAG that meet all four priorities (stabilize markets, improve access, enhance economic profitability, and prevent closure):

- Inseason Management (adjusting trip limits as needed, modifying area closures, etc.)
- Adopt Stock Assessments (current and future, including planning and methodology)
- All 2027-28 Biennial Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures agenda items
- Experimental Fishery Permit (EFP) - Preliminary
- Trawl Catch Share Program Review - Feedback
- Establish stock definitions for all species in the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and re-evaluate how stock complexes are organized, (i.e., Phase II)
- Workload and New Management Measure Prioritization
- Whiting Treaty Implementation
- Harvest Specifications Flexibility - Scoping, Range of Alternatives, Preliminary Preferred Alternative & Final Preferred Alternative
- Take Reduction Team
- Initiative 4 Update: Groundfish Risk Tables
- Whiting Off the Top

The following Agenda items might not directly meet a specific EO, however, these items lead to public involvement and can initiate actions that would achieve the EOs.

- NMFS Report

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