

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION REVIEW - FINAL ACTION

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) reviewed the intersector allocation report and noted that it follows the methods used in the previously accepted Performance Evaluation of Intersector Allocations ([F2 Attachment 2 , June, 2017](#)). The GMT concluded that it meets the requirements described in [Council Operating Procedure \(COP\) 27](#) - Process for Initiating Allocation Review. **The GMT recommends the Council adopt the intersector allocation report at this meeting.** The GMT also provides feedback on 1) interpretation and expected use of this report, 2) improvements or considerations for future intersector allocation reviews, and 3) one technical request to be made by Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff during finalization of this report.

The GMT's understanding is this report is intended to provide the Council, advisory bodies, and public, with information on what stocks (or stock complexes) may benefit from further investigation. The GMT discussed the limitations of interpreting this report to inform any potential future allocation changes, as this report is intended to be a retrospective look at how trawl and non-trawl allocations have been attained in recent years, not accounting for any new information in 2025 or beyond. Major changes in the attainment of any allocated stocks may trigger further investigation, which the GMT understands would be conducted in a separate and subsequent process, such as the 2027-28 harvest specifications and management measures process.

Additional information which is not provided in this report should be considered for any changes to intersector allocations in 2027-28 SPEX and beyond. For example, as outlined in the [NMFS Procedure 01-119-02](#), the marginal value individuals or sectors place on their share of the harvest (willingness to pay) should be considered when analyzing the tradeoffs of an action that is aimed at improving economic efficiency. Additionally, economic impact is identified as a relevant economic factor to consider in allocation decisions. The GMT notes that the existing Input-Output Model for Pacific Coast Fisheries (IO-PAC) model could be used to inform the economic impact of a current or future intersector allocation. The GMT feels this would be useful in the next intersector allocation report in six years.

The GMT also notes that, according to consultation with Council staff, the community involvement and dependence scores do not account for the at-sea sectors, which would otherwise be grouped under the "Puget Sound" port group. The GMT requests that the report explicitly clarify that community involvement and dependence scores are based on shoreside landings only and do not account for involvement from the at-sea fishery. While this fishery does not make shoreside landings, it does contribute to the local economy by bringing in job opportunities and revenue to the Seattle area. The GMT recognizes that the at-sea fishery does not target any of the non-whiting allocated stocks, but the exclusion of the at-sea fishery is an important nuance to clearly state in the report.