# 2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Planning

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- Basic Biennial Process
- Terminology
- Fishery Schematic
- Management Measures and other Considerations



### **Basic Process**





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# **Process Start** Jan – June 2025 **Stock Assessments**

#### **June 2025**

Process & Plan Adopt Stock Assessments **Council Guidance** 

#### **April 2026**

FPA ACLs for Alt HCRs PPA management measures Draft NEPA doc

#### March 2026

**GMT/Staff inform Council** of overwinter work Council gives guidance, as appropriate

### **Summer STAR Panels**

#### June 2026

FPA for any harvest spex FPA management measures **EFP Final** recommendations Draft 2 NEPA doc

> **Implementation** Jan 1, 2027

**Overwinter Analysis** 

#### September

Adopt Stock assessments FPA OFLs PPA default HCRs **ROA Alt HCRs** ID new management measures

#### October

GMT Fall work session Mop-up Panel

#### **November**

**FPA OFLs** FPA default HCRs PPA ACLs for Alt HCRs

**ROA Biennial Allocations** 

ROA routine management measures

ROA new management measures **EFP** recommendations



### Generalized Decision Point Schedule

Jan. GMT Meeting

- Process & Plan
- Tasking GMT as appropriate

June

- FPA OFLs
- PPA default HCRs
- ROA Alt HCRs

Sept.

- - FPA OFLs/ABCs
  - PPA alt. HCRs
  - ROA MM

**GMT**:

Overwinter Analysis

Dec/Jan

- April
- FPA alt. HCR & remain. Spex
- PPA MM

• FPA MM

June

Oct. GMT Meeting

Nov.

Mop-up??

March: Council

Check-in



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# Terminology

- Multiple layers of very similar terms
- Confusion and conflation of terms
  - Meaning
  - Management applications
- Attachment 3 provides definitions
- Gives basic idea of how the fishery is structured
- May assist the Council in considering management



### Assessment to Harvest **Assessment** Science/SSC Guideline **OFL** ABC/ **ACL** 'Off-the **Incidental OA Tribal EFP** Research Top' Set-**Asides** Management **Harvest Guideline**





Harvest Guideline

Trawl Allocation

At-sea Set Asides Non-Trawl Allocation

LEFG OA

Rec CA/OR/WA

LL, pot, troll...

Trip Limits, Tier, Seasons, Bag limits, etc.

Shore-Based IFQ



### One year's specifications

### The Numbers

"7" fisheries managed 86 managed species

- 29 single stocks
- 11 complexes
  - 114 component species

Most rockfish are in both the north and south of 40°10' N. lat. rockfish complexes

Other	33
Sablefish (Trawl/LEFG/OA)	34
Non-Trawl Allocation	27
IFQ	25
At-Sea Set-aside	13
Trawl Allocations	27
Harvest Guidelines/ACT	56
ACL Set-asides	93
ABC/ACL	284
OFL	140



# Changes to Action

- In past, Action was to adopt Process and Plan
- This cycle, opportunity to frontload process with preliminary scoping of routine management issues (e.g., biennial allocations, trip limits, etc.)...

### Routine Measures:

- Measures likely to be adjusted on an annual basis or more frequently
- Specified as routine by Council and in regulation (§660.60(c))

### New Measures:

- Impacts have not been previously analyzed
- Have not been through rulemaking (implemented in regulation).
- Unlikey addition to this rulemaking— NMFS will discuss with Council



### **Council Tasks**

- Adopt a schedule and plan for the 2027-28 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures process (Attachment 1).
- Discuss and provide initial guidance regarding on any biennial management issues (e.g., biennial allocations, trip limits, etc.) that would inform the Council's decision-making process when it adopts management measure alternatives for analysis in November 2025.
- Consider tasking the GMT with over summer work to scope routine management issues including, but not limited to, biennial allocations and other recommendations brought forward by the GMT and GAP



## **June 2025**



### **June 2026**



