

2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Planning

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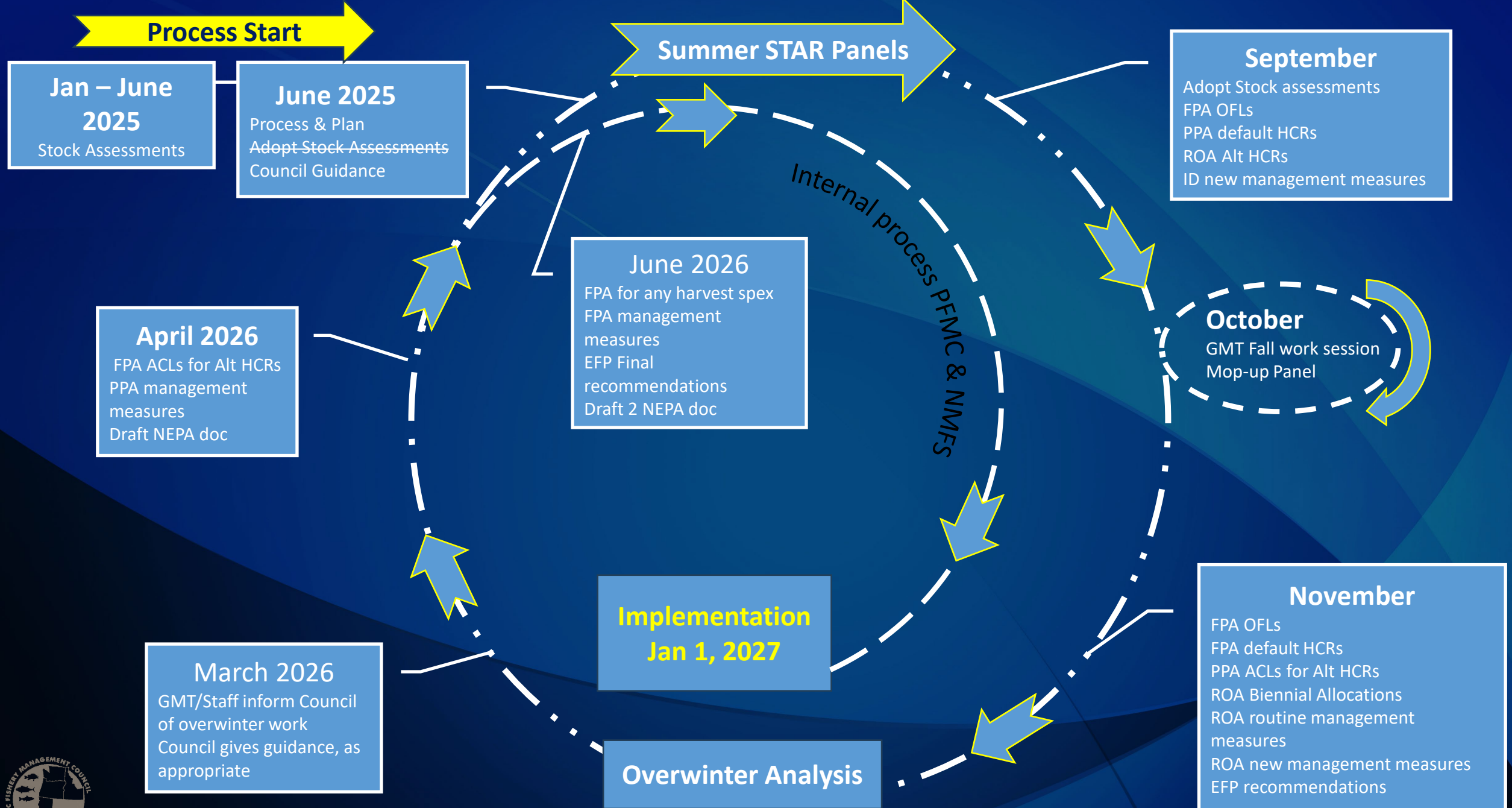


- **Basic Biennial Process**
- **Terminology**
- **Fishery Schematic**
- **Management Measures
and other Considerations**

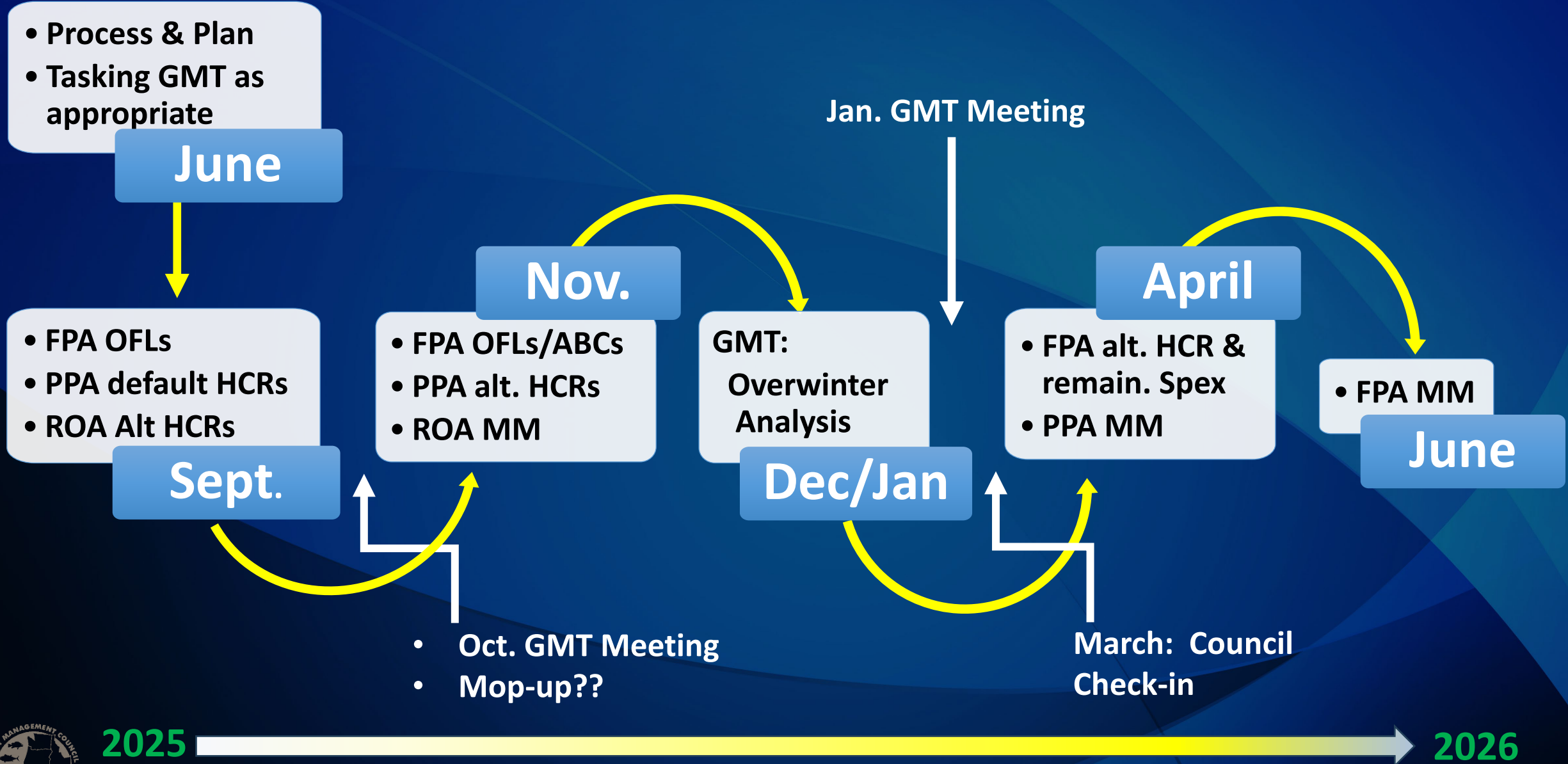


Basic Process





Generalized Decision Point Schedule

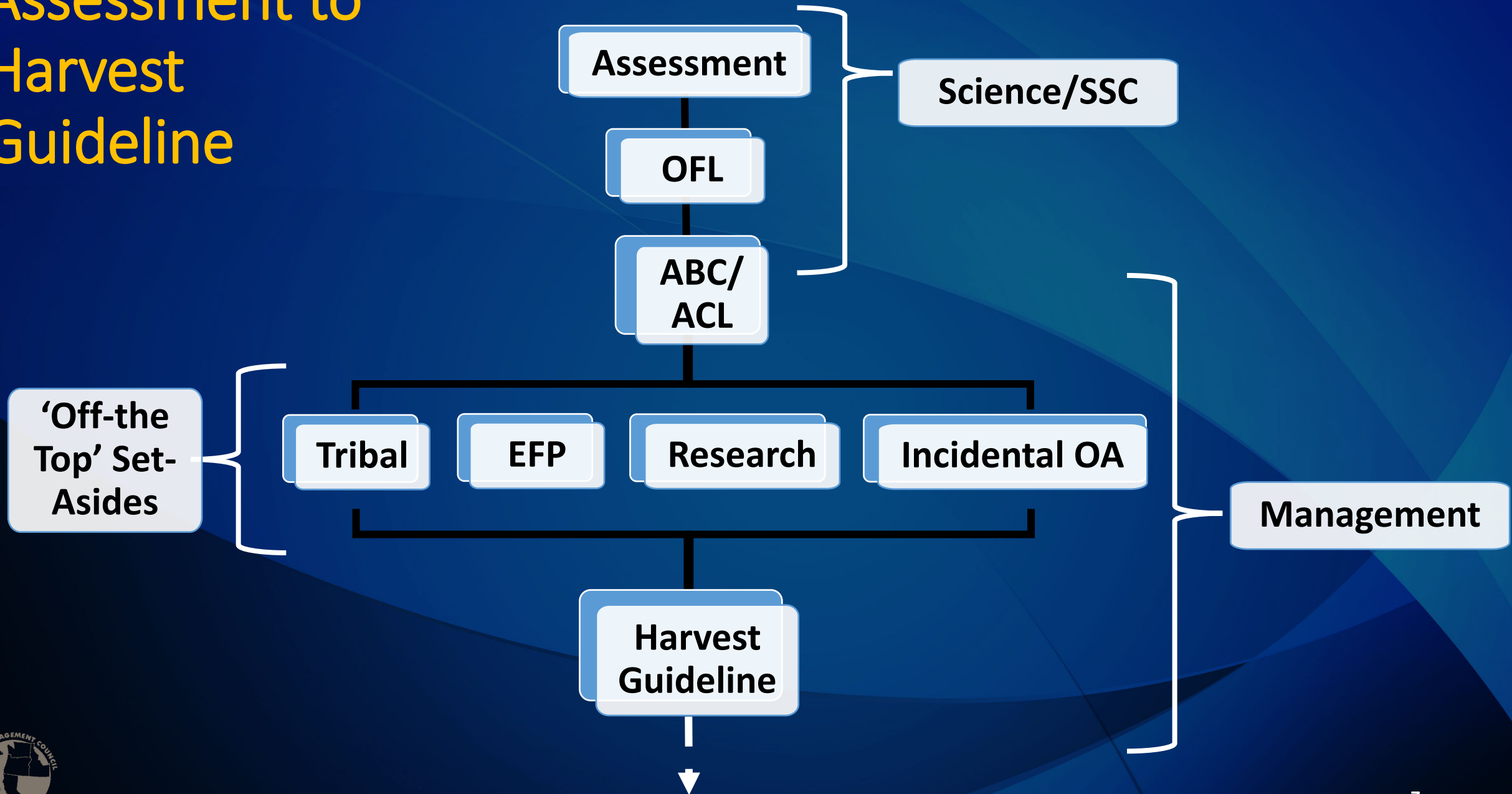


Terminology

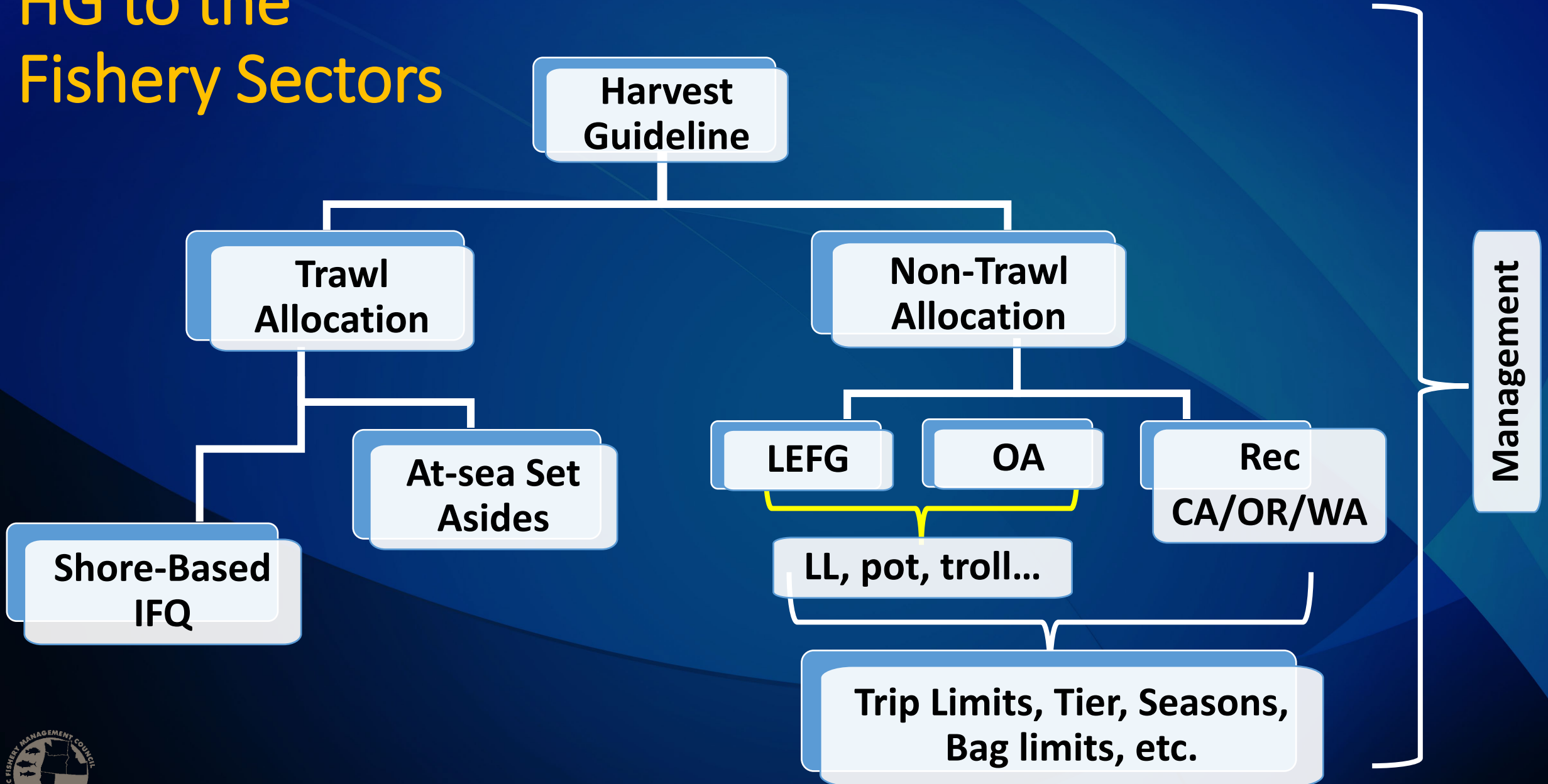
- **Multiple layers of very similar terms**
- **Confusion and conflation of terms**
 - Meaning
 - Management applications
- **Attachment 3 provides definitions**
- **Gives basic idea of how the fishery is structured**
- **May assist the Council in considering management**



Assessment to Harvest Guideline



HG to the Fishery Sectors



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

One year's specifications

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



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