

E.8 – 2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Planning

Council Task:

1. Adopt a schedule and plan for the 2027-28 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures process (Attachment 1).
2. 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.
3. 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.

Agenda Item E. 8. ODFW Motion 1

I move the Council adopt the schedule and plan for the 2027-28 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures process as outlined in [Agenda Item E.8, Supplemental Revised Attachment 1, June 2025](#).

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Christa Svensson

Motion passes unanimously

ODFW Guidance

Request the GMT, Council, and NMFS staff:

- begin to examine canary rockfish allocations, building off the work conducted for the 2025-2026 biennial harvest specifications ([Agenda Item F.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, March 2024](#)) in preparation for the upcoming 2027-2028 biennial process. Using historical sector-specific sharing and mortality below as starting place :
 - 2015-2016 specifications sharing, last sharing before 2015 assessment
 - 2016 mortality by sector, last year before higher ACLs resulting from the 2015 assessment
 - 2017-2018 specifications sharing, first sharing with higher ACLs resulting from the 2015 assessment
 - 2024 mortality by sector, most recent year's mortality

- o 2025-2026 specifications sharing, which is the most recent specifications sharing
- Explore sub-trip limits for the shelf rockfish complex north of 40° 10' N. lat.
- Explore changes to California recreational fishery to remove recreational Rockfish Conservation Areas in favor of management via sub-bag limits only

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