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## INTRODUCTION

This document contains or identifies the various elements, documents, and sources comprising the complete and official record of Council meeting discussions and actions. In addition to the Meeting Summary, which follows this introductory section (see #7 below), it includes information or references that serve as the functional detailed minutes for this Council meeting as required by §302(i)(2)(E) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The full record is maintained at the Council office, is available on the Council website (<http://www.pcouncil.org/>) or upon request from the Council office, and consists of the following:

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8. **Voting Log** – The voting log lists, in Agenda order, the summarized Council motions and actions for each agenda item that took place during the meeting.

## MEETING SUMMARY

### A. Call to Order

#### 1. Opening Remarks – Pete Hassemer, Chair

Mr. Pete Hassemer, Council Chair, called the 287<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 10:00 a.m. on April 8, 2026. A closed session was held before this open session and on Sunday, April 12 to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

#### 2. Roll Call – Merrick Burden

##### Council Members present during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Ryan Wulff, designee Ms. Susan Bishop, designee Ms. Keeley Kent, designee Mr. Josh Lindsay, designee
Alaska State Official:	Ms. Dani Evenson, nonvoting designee
Washington State Official:	Mr. Kyle Adicks, designee Ms. Heather Hall, designee Mr. Corey Niles, designee
Washington Obligatory:	Mr. Butch Smith, Vice Chair
Oregon State Official:	Ms. Debbie Colbert Mr. John North, designee Mr. Justin Ainsworth, designee Ms. Lynn Mattes, designee
Oregon Obligatory:	Ms. Christa Svensson
California State Official:	Ms. Marci Yaremko, designee Ms. Briana Brady, designee Ms. Caroline McKnight, designee
California Obligatory:	Ms. Corey Ridings
Idaho State Official:	Ms. Sharon Keifer, designee
Idaho Obligatory:	Mr. Pete Hassemer Chair
Tribal Official:	Mr. David Sones
At-Large:	Ms. Jaime Diamond Dr. Rebecca Lent Mr. Brad Pettinger Ms. Aja Szumylo
U.S. Coast Guard:	Mr. Chris German, nonvoting designee
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:	
Dr. Benjamin Cross, nonvoting designee	Mr. John Netto, nonvoting designee Mr. Roger Root, nonvoting designee
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission:	Mr. Chris Oliver, nonvoting designee

##### Absent from the Meeting:

U.S. State Department:	Mr. Colin Brinkman, nonvoting designee
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### **3. Agenda – Pete Hassemer**

#### **e. Council Action: Approve Agenda**

**Motion 1:** Council approves the Detailed Agenda for the 287<sup>th</sup> session presented as A.3 in the April 2026 Briefing Book.

Sharon Kiefer/Brad Pettinger (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

### **4. Executive Director’s Report – Merrick Burden**

## **B. Open Comment Period**

### **1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

#### **e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** None

## **C. Groundfish Management**

### **1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report**

#### **e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** None

### **2. Marine Mammal Take Reduction Team Update**

#### **d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** The Council received an update regarding the Marine Mammal Take Reduction Team (TRT) from the Council representative, Dr. Rebecca Lent, and other participants. The last meeting of the TRT occurred March 30-April 3, and consensus recommendations were generated for consideration by NMFS. Once the Take Reduction Plan is finalized by NMFS, the Council may comment or respond as necessary.

### **3. Widow Rockfish Alternative Harvest Control Rule**

#### **c. Council Action: Adopt Preliminary Preferred Harvest Control Rule; Adopt Overfishing Limits and a Range of Acceptable Biological Catches and Annual Catch Limits, as Appropriate**

**Motion 4:** Council remove Alternatives 2a and 2c from the range of alternatives, and move the following forward for further consideration: alternative 2b, and add alternative 2d to the range, as described in [Agenda Item C.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#). Alternative 2 as described

in Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2 (CAD document) should be removed from the range of alternatives.

Jaime Diamond/Rebecca Lent (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted a revised range of harvest specification alternatives for widow rockfish for the 2027-28 biennium as shown in the table below as recommended by the GAP in [Agenda Item C.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#). Alternative 2d is a new alternative based on the overfishing limit (OFL) recommended by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) ([Agenda Item C.3.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, April 2026](#)). The Council removed from consideration Alternatives 2a (8,400 mt constant catch annual catch limit [ACL]) and 2c (5,858 mt constant catch ACL) described in the [Situation Summary](#) and Alternative 2 from [Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2](#).

Alternative	Alternative 1		Alternative 2d		Alternative 2b	
Description	Default Harvest Control Rule		SSC’s OFL-1		20% Ramp Down a/	
Year	2027	2028	2027	2028	2027	2028
OFL (mt)	4,916	5,172	6,239	6,239		
ABC (mt)	4,596	4,810	6,238	6,238		
ACL (mt)	4,596	4,810	6,238	6,238	6,720	6,720
ACL difference from 2025 (11,237mt)	-6,641 (-59%)	-6,427 (-57%)	-4,999 (-44%)	-4,999 (-44%)	-4,517 (-40%)	-4,517 (-40%)
ACL difference from dHCR			+1,642 (+35%)	+1,428 (+30%)	+2,124 (+46%)	+1,910 (+40%)

a/ “20% ramp down” refers to a 20 percent decrease of the Council’s November 2025 motion that proposed using a 10 percent decrease from the assumed catch from 2025 and 2026. For details, see [Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 2, March 2026](#).

The Council also tasked Council and NMFS staff with discussing with NOAA General Counsel differences between the Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements to prevent overfishing and the [National Standard 1 Technical Guidance](#) used by the SSC to recommend an OFL. Depending on these discussions, the SSC may be asked to provide additional rationale and/or to reconsider their OFL recommendation. The Council is expected to take final action on widow rockfish harvest specifications in June 2026.

**4. Harvest Specifications for 2027-28 Fisheries**

**c. Council Action: Adopt Interim Final Harvest Specifications for 2027-2028 Fisheries, except for Widow Rockfish, if possible**

**Motion 10:** Council adopt:

1. default harvest control rule (HCR) for calculating the annual catch limit (ACL) for all stocks, except widow rockfish and the stocks in the table below as the interim final preferred alternative (FPA) for 2027-28; and
2. the Alternative 2 HCR as the interim FPA for canary rockfish, petrale sole, and yellowtail rockfish north of 40° 10' N. lat. as recommended by the GAP (Table 1 in [Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2026](#)) and GMT ([Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, April 2026](#)), shown in the table below:

Stock	Alt	HCR	2027 ACL (mt)	2028 ACL (mt)
Canary rockfish	Alt. 2	ABC= ACL (P* = 0.45)	643	664
Chilipepper rockfish a/	Alt. 2	ACL=2,114 mt for 2027-28; return to default in 2029	2,114	2,114
Petrале sole	Alt.2	ABC/ACL = 2,489 mt for 2027-28; return to default in 2029	2,489	2,489
Rougheye/ Blackspotted rockfish b/	Alt.2	ACL = 300 mt	300	300
Shortspine thornyhead	Alt.2	ABC/ACL = 902 mt for 2027-28; return to default in 2029	902	902
Yellowtail rockfish north of 40° 10' N lat.	Alt. 2	Ad-Hoc Phase In	5,050	4,730

a/AppORTioned 7 percent to shelf rockfish complex north of 40° 10' N. lat. and 93 percent to be managed individually south of 40° 10' N. lat.

b/AppORTioned 98 percent to slope rockfish complex north of 40° 10' N. lat. and 2 percent to the slope rockfish complex south of 40° 10' N. lat.

Lynn Mattes/Caroline McKnight

**Amendment 1:** Amend the 2027-2028 Chilipepper Rockfish ACLs to the default levels shown in C.4, Attachment 1, April 2026, which sets the ACL equal to ABC.

Brad Pettinger/Chris Oliver (Amendment carried, Ms. Kiefer abstained)

Motion 10, as amended, carried unanimously

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted its interim final harvest specifications for all stocks and complexes, except for widow rockfish, for 2027-28 fisheries. The default harvest control rule was adopted for all stocks (see [Appendix 1 of Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1](#)) except canary rockfish, petrale sole, rougheye/blackspotted, shortspine thornyhead, and yellowtail rockfish north of 40°

10' N. lat., as shown in the table below. While the Council had previously recommended Alternative 2 for chilipepper and yelloweye rockfish as the preliminary preferred alternative, the Council ultimately recommended Alternative 1 (default harvest control rule) at this meeting as the final preferred alternative to provide additional opportunity to the fisheries through higher harvest specifications while maintaining acceptable risk to these stocks.

Stock	Alt	HCR	2027 ACL (mt)	2028 ACL (mt)
Canary rockfish	Alt.2	ABC= ACL (P* = 0.45); return to default in 2029	643	664
Petrale sole	Alt.2	ABC/ACL = 2,489 mt for 2027-28; return to default in 2029	2,489	2,489
Rougheye/ Blackspotted rockfish a/	Alt.2	ACL = 300 mt, return to default in 2029	300	300
Shortspine thornyhead	Alt.2	ABC/ACL = 902 mt for 2027-28; return to default in 2029	902	902
Yellowtail rockfish north of 40° 10' N lat.	Alt.2	Ad-Hoc Phase In	5,050	4,730

*a/ Apportioned 98 percent to slope rockfish complex north of 40° 10' N. lat. and 2 percent to the slope rockfish complex south of 40° 10' N. Lat.*

**5. Workload and New Management Measures Priorities, including Trawl Follow-on Actions Scoping**

**c. Council Action: Adopt Priorities, including Guidance on the Initial Scope for Trawl Follow on Actions; Provide Guidance on Schedules**

**Motion 11:** Council make the following changes to the Groundfish Management Measure Lists in [Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1, April 2026](#):

- Prioritize (add to Table A)
  - C2 (Risk Management), rank as new A4, and include T7
  - C1 (Trawl Follow-On), rank as new A5; focus staff on the high priority items in [Agenda Item C.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#) first
- Combine B2 (IFQ Carryover from 10 Percent) and B3 (Aggregate Non-whiting Quota Share Control Limits) into C2
- Remove Item B5 from Table B

Aja Szumylo/Brad Pettinger (Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**Amendment 1:** Strike the last bullet “Remove Item B5 from Table B” from the motion.

Corey Ridings/Rebecca Lent (Amendment failed, Ms. Ridings and Dr. Lent voted yes)  
(Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council reviewed its current workload and priorities list and made the following changes.

Regarding the priorities ([Table A of Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1](#)), the Council recommended that items A1 Harvest Specifications Flexibility and A2/A3 Trawl Gear Exempted Fishing Permits remain the top priorities as they are tentatively scheduled for final action in 2026. The Council recommended that C2 Risk Management and C1 Trawl Follow-on Actions become the next priorities, followed by the remaining A list items.

Regarding Trawl Follow-on Actions (C1), the Council recommended the priorities as described in [Agenda Item C.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#). The highest priority actions identified were T1 observer/electronic monitoring coverage, T2 Shoreside Monitoring, and T10 Cost Recovery (see descriptions in [Agenda Item C.5, Supplemental Attachment 2](#)). Item T7 Set-Aside Management was removed from the potential list of trawl follow-on actions and moved into C2 Risk Management. Items B2 Increasing IFQ Carryover from 10 percent and B3 Aggregate Non-Whiting QS (quota share) Control Limits and Individual Species Weighting were moved into the broader trawl follow-on actions package.

The Council also requested that Council and NMFS staff examine moving forward at-sea declaration changes (as described in Agenda Item C.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1) and the Commercial Sale of Recreational Fish Waste (A4) as a part of the Trawl Gear exempted fishing permit agenda item, as long as it does not slow down the progress on that action. Staff will bring back a report in June 2026 regarding any updates.

Finally, the Council removed item B5 Prohibition on Directed Shortbelly Rockfish Fishery from the B list of Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1.

The Groundfish Workload and New Management Measures List has been updated to reflect these changes on the [Council's webpage](#) for this item.

## **6. Inseason Management – Final Action**

### **c. Council Action: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2026**

**Staff Summary:** None

## **7. Preliminary Preferred Management Measure Alternatives for 2027-28 Fisheries**

### **c. Council Action: Adopt Any Remaining Harvest Specifications and Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Management Measures in 2027-28 Fisheries**

**Motion 18:** Council adopt the preliminary 2027 and 2028 Tribal management measures and set-asides as specified in Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1, April 2026.  
David Sones/Sharon Kiefer (Motion 18 carried unanimously)

**Motion 19:** Council adopt the following preliminary preferred alternatives for management measures in 2027-2028 following the Action Item Checklist numbering from Agenda Item C.7, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1, April 2026:

Action Item #2 Area Management as described in C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1 and C.7.a, Supplemental EC Report 1:

- Remove from regulations the Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas off California including Point St. George, South Reef, Reading Rock, Point Delgada (North) and Point Delgada (South)
- Remove from regulations the Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area Expansions 1 and 2 off Oregon from both the groundfish regulations (50 CFR 660.360(c)(2)) and (50 CFR 660.70(i)) and the Pacific halibut regulations (50 CFR 300.63(f))
- Remove the 150 fm Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area boundary line around Lasuen Knoll, and revise Federal regulations regarding the exemption for Lasuen Knoll and Osborne Bank
- Modify the Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area regulatory text in the Federal trip limit table(s)

Action Item #6 ACTs as described in C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1:

- Status quo recreational copper rockfish south of 34° 27' N. lat.
- Status quo Non-trawl shortspine thornyhead north of 34° 27' N. lat. (25 percent of the non-trawl allocation)
- New recreational ACTs for:
  - California quillback rockfish
  - Vermilion/sunset rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat.
  - Lingcod south of 40° 10' N. lat.

Action Item #7 Trawl/Non-trawl Allocations as described in C.7.a, Supplemental Gap Report 1:

- Status quo for Big skate, Bocaccio south of 40° 10' N. lat., Cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat., Lingcod south of 40° 10' N. lat., Longnose skate, Petrale sole, Shelf rockfish north of 40° 10' N. lat., Shelf rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat., Shortspine thornyhead, Widow rockfish
- Slope/Blackgill rockfish - Option 4 – rolling five-year average mortality

Action Item #8 Further Non-trawl Allocations as described in C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1:

- Status quo for Cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat. and bocaccio south of 40° 10' N. lat.

Action Item #20 California Recreational Fishery

As described in C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1:

- Boat-based rockfish and lingcod Season Structure Option 4 (statewide April 1 – December 31 all depths)
- Status quo rockfish sub-bag limits statewide except:
  - 2-fish sub-bag limit on vermilion/sunset rockfish statewide
  - December 1 fish sub-bag limit for cowcod and yelloweye rockfish

As described in C.7.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1:

- Decoupling the Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenling Complex

As described in C.7.a, Supplemental EC Report 1:

- Maintain whole fish landing condition for cowcod and yelloweye rockfish  
Caroline McKnight/Lynn Mattes (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

**Motion 20:** Council adopt the following as the preliminary preferred alternative for groundfish management measures in 2027-28 (*Numbers from [Agenda Item C.7, REVISED Attachment 1, April 2026](#), the DRAFT Action Item Checklist*):

Action Item #3 Off-the-top Deductions

The following preliminary off-the-top deductions from the ACLs for 2027 and 2028, as recommended by the GMT ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, April 2026](#)) and GAP ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2026](#)) and shown in Table A-1, Appendix 1, [Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, April 2026](#):

- Research: use the rolling 5-year median of research mortality to set research set-asides in 2027-28, except for:
  - o yelloweye rockfish use 2.92 mt for the research set-aside, based on anticipated research projects and
  - o petrale sole use 24.1 mt
- Incidental Open Access: use the rolling 5-year average mortality to set IOA set-asides in 2027-28
- Exempted Fishing Permits: no set-asides requested for 2027-28; 0 mt for all stocks and complexes

Action Item #5 Harvest Guidelines

The fishery harvest guidelines, using the PPA recommended off-the-top deductions (Action Items #3 and #4) in Table A-1 of [C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#), which includes the updated Tribal set-asides from [Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1, April 2026](#), as recommended by the [GMT](#) and [GAP](#).

Action Item #9 Sablefish Allocations

The set-asides as recommended by the GMT ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, April 2026](#)) and GAP ([Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2026](#)) for Sablefish north of 36° N. lat.

- Research- use rolling 5-year median
- EFPs- none requested for 2027-2028
- Recreational- an increase from 30 mt to 50 mt

And Sablefish south of 36° N. lat. maintain status quo as shown in Table 8, [Supplemental GMT Report 2](#))

- Research- use rolling 5-year median
- IOA- use rolling 5-year average
- EFPs- none requested for 2027-2028
- Recreational- status quo of 10 mt
- And maintain the status quo shares for LE and OA fixed gear

Action Item #10 Yelloweye Rockfish Allocations

The status quo biennial allocations for yelloweye rockfish as recommended by the GMT ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, April 2026](#)) and GAP ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2026](#))

- Status quo trawl/non-trawl sharing: 8 percent trawl, 92 percent non-trawl

- Status quo within non-trawl sharing percentages, and
- maintain the non-trawl ACTs at 78.4 percent of the HG
- the resulting sector-specific shares as shown in Table 9 in [Supplemental GMT Report 2](#) (and shown below)

	<b>Alternative 1 2027/28 (mt)</b>	
ACL	113.0	
Off-the-Top Deduction	16.3	
Fishery HG	96.7	
<b>Trawl (8%)</b>	7.7	
<i>At-Sea</i>	-	
<i>IFQ</i>	7.7	
<b>Non-trawl (92%)</b>	<b>HG</b>	<b>ACT</b>
	89.0	69.7
<i>Non-nearshore / Nearshore (20.9%)</i>	18.6	14.6
<i>WA Rec (25.6%)</i>	22.8	17.9
<i>OR Rec (23.3%)</i>	20.7	16.3
<i>CA Rec (30.2%)</i>	26.9	21.1

Action Item #19 Oregon Recreational Fishery

The recommendations for the Oregon recreational fishery for 2027-2028 from [Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 1, April 2026](#) for public review and finalization in June. Lynn Mattes/Brad Pettinger (Motion 20 carries unanimously)

**Motion 21:** Council adopt the following alternatives as PPA for groundfish management measures in 2027-28 (Numbers from [Agenda Item C.7, REVISED Attachment 1, April 2026](#), the DRAFT Action Item Checklist):

Action Item #11 Canary Rockfish Biennial Allocations and within Non-Trawl HGs

- Adopt the status quo biennial Trawl/Non-Trawl allocations and within non-trawl harvest guidelines as recommended by the GMT in [C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#)

Action Item #12 Within Trawl Set-aside

- Adopt the 2027-2028 at-sea set asides as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, Table 1](#)

Action Item # 13 Shore Based IFQ

- Adopt the status quo IFQ trip limits for non-IFQ species

Action Item #14 - #17 (OA North and South of 40° 10' N. lat., and LEFG North and South of 40° 10' N. lat.)

- Adopt the commercial trip limit options for Open Access (OA) and Limited Entry (LE) non-trawl fisheries as recommended by the GMT in [C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3, April 2026](#)

Action Item #18 Washington Recreational Fishery

- No PPA; WDFW will continue to analyze the range of alternatives as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 2, April 2026](#) and include a stand-alone alternative that would allow yelloweye retention on days open to halibut in June.

Heather Hall/Caroline McKnight (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

**Motion 22:** Council continue to explore the WDFW approach as described in [C.7.a, WDFW Report 1, April 2026](#), [G.6.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1, September 2025](#), and, [F.8.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1, November 2025](#), as well as other ideas to improve attainment of the ACL across sectors under the newly prioritized Risk Management project.

Heather Hall/Caroline McKnight (Motion 22 carried unanimously)

**Motion 23:** Council Adopt the DRAFT Language for Amendment (TBD) to Support Removal of Yelloweye and CA Quillback Rockfishes Rebuilding Plans from the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan for public review ([Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 3, April 2026](#))

Lynn Mattes/Heather Hall (Motion 23 carried unanimously)

**Motion 24:** Council direct the Executive Director to review the socio-economic analyses supporting groundfish management measures and identify ways in which these analyses can be improved to help inform management. This would be undertaken in collaboration with NMFS social scientists/economists.

The work should build upon the four recommendations contained in the Groundfish Management Team report (C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 4, April 2026), and should attempt to:

- Inventory existing data, tools, and analytical approaches;
- Identify key gaps; and
- Recommend actions to address those gaps.

A summary report would be presented at a subsequent Council meeting, ideally in November, for review and feedback from advisory bodies, the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and the Council. A revised report would then inform integration into the Council's groundfish management process.

Rebecca Lent/Jaime Diamond (Motion 24 carried, Ms. Kiefer abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted area management modifications as described in [Supplemental GAP Report 1](#) and [Supplemental EC Report 1](#). They adopted, as preliminary preferred alternative (PPA), to remove the following Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas (YRCAs) from regulations: Stonewall Bank Expansions 1 and 2, Point St. George, South Reef, Reading Rock, Point Delgada (North), and Point Delgada (South) YRCAs. T Stonewall Bank Expansions 1 and 2 are also Pacific halibut YRCAs. This issue was acknowledged by the Council. If this change to area management is adopted as final by the Council, it will also require concurrent changes to the Pacific halibut regulations. The Council adopted as PPA a measure to remove the 150 fm Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) boundary line around Lasuen Knoll and revise the Federal language regarding the exemption of this Non-Trawl RCA line.

Further, the Council adopted regulatory text modification in the Federal non-trawl trip limit tables to reflect the RCA boundary change around Lasuen Knoll.

The Council adopted the 5-year rolling median mortality for research and incidental open access set-asides for 2027-28 (see Appendix 1 in [Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)), with the exception of yelloweye rockfish and petrale sole, as recommended by the GMT in [Supplemental GMT Report 1](#). The Council adopted custom research set-asides for yelloweye rockfish (2.92 mt) and petrale sole (24.1 mt), based on the rationale in [Supplemental GMT Report 1](#), as PPA. There are no exempted fishing permit set-asides requested for 2027-28. The Council adopted the resultant fishery harvest guidelines (HGs), which are the ACL minus the set-asides, in Table A-1 of [Supplemental GMT Report 1](#), which also includes the updated Tribal set-asides from [Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#).

The tribes recommended, and the Council adopted as PPA, the tribal set-asides as described in [Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#). The amounts were the same as recommended in November 2025, except decreases to canary rockfish, petrale sole, shortspine thornyhead, and widow rockfish. The Tribes are reducing their set-aside requests for these species in recognition of recent and projected mortality trends in Tribal fisheries. Respectively, these set-asides requests are 290 mt, 35 mt, 100 mt, and 40 mt.

The Council adopted the status quo recreational annual catch target (ACT) copper rockfish south of 34° 27' N. lat. and non-trawl ACT for shortspine thornyhead north of 34° 27' N. lat. (i.e., 25 percent of the non-trawl allocation) as PPA. The Council also considered, and adopted as PPA, recreational ACTs for California quillback rockfish (statewide), vermilion/sunset rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat., and lingcod south of 40° 10' N. lat. as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#) and detailed in [C.7, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#).

The Council adopted status quo two-year trawl and non-trawl allocations for all biennially allocated stocks and stock complexes (big skate, bocaccio south of 40° 10' N. lat., cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat., lingcod south of 40° 10' N. lat., longnose skate, petrale sole, shelf rockfish complex north of 40° 10' N. lat., shelf rockfish complex south of 40° 10' N. lat., shortspine thornyhead, widow rockfish), except for slope rockfish complex south of 40° 10' N. lat. For that complex, the Council considered four options, ultimately adopting Option 4. Option 4 would update the current methodology to reflect current fishery landings as described in [Supplemental GAP Report 1](#) and detailed in [Supplemental GMT Report 2](#). The Council also adopted status quo non-trawl allocations for cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat. and bocaccio south of 40° 10' N. lat. as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#):

As recommended by the GMT ([Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)) and GAP ([Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)), The Council adopted as PPA, for Sablefish north of 36° N lat. research set-asides using the rolling 5-year median, no set-asides for exempted fishing permits (as none were requested), and increasing the recreational set-aside to 50 mt when setting the non-tribal commercial harvest guideline. For sablefish south of 36° N. lat., the Council adopted the GMT recommendations shown in Table 8 [Supplemental GMT 2, April 2026](#) as PPA to use the rolling 5-year median to calculate research and Incidental Open Access set-asides, no set-asides for exempted fishing permits (as none were requested), and a recreational to 10 mt when setting the non-tribal

commercial harvest guideline. The Council also adopted status quo shares for limited entry (LE) and open access (OA) fixed gear.

For yelloweye rockfish, the Council adopted, as PPA, the status quo biennial trawl/non-trawl allocation, non-trawl sharing percentages for yelloweye rockfish as recommended by the GMT ([Supplemental GMT Report 2](#)) and GAP ([Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)). The Council also adopted, as PPA, the non-trawl ACTs at 78.4 percent of the HG and the resulting sector-specific shares as shown in Table 9 in [Agenda Item C.7. a, Supplemental GMT 2](#).

For canary rockfish, the Council adopted status quo biennial Trawl/Non-Trawl allocations and within non-trawl harvest guidelines as recommended by the GMT in Table 10 of [Agenda Item C.7. a Supplemental GMT 2](#) as PPA. The Council adopted the at-sea set-asides as shown in Table of [Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)) and the status quo IFQ trip limits for non-IFQ stocks (see [Table 12-5, Section 12.1.2](#) of Attachment 2) as PPA. The Council adopted commercial limited entry and open access fixed gear trip limit as recommended by the GMT in [C.7.a Supplemental GMT Report 3](#).

For the Washington recreational fishery, the Council did not adopt a PPA. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will continue to analyze the range of alternatives as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 2](#) and include a stand-alone alternative that would allow yelloweye retention on days open to halibut in June. The Council adopted the recommendations for the Oregon recreational fishery for 2027-2028 from [Supplemental ODFW Report 1](#) for public review and finalization in June. The Council adopted the recommendations as described in [Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)) for the California recreational fishery, which include a recreational groundfish season structure Option 4 (statewide April 1 – Dec 31 all depths), status quo bag limits statewide except: 2-fish sub-bag limit on vermilion/sunset rockfish statewide and 1 fish sub-bag limit for cowcod and yelloweye rockfish in December only. The Council also recommended decoupling the Rockfish, Cabezon, and Greenling Complex described in [Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#): and a measure requiring all cowcod and yelloweye rockfish be landed whole ([Supplemental EC Report 1](#)).

Additionally, the Council recommended further exploration of Council of the WDFW approach as described in [C.7.a, WDFW Report 1, April 2026](#), [G.6.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1, September 2025](#), and [F.8.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1, November 2025](#), as well as other ideas to improve attainment of the ACL across sectors under the newly-prioritized Risk Management project.

The Council adopted the draft Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan amendment language, which removes the rebuilding plans for yelloweye rockfish and California quillback rockfish from the text. Additionally, the Council made a recommendation to Council Executive Director to review the socio-economic analyses supporting groundfish management measures and identify ways in which these analyses can be improved to help inform management. This would be undertaken in collaboration with NMFS social scientists/economists. A report back to the Council is planned for November in order to align with the SSC and Advisory Body review of projection models for the next biennium.

## **D. Salmon Management**

### **1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report**

#### **d. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** None

### **2. Tentative Adoption of 2026 Management Measures for Analysis**

#### **g. Council Action: Adopt Tentative 2026 Ocean Salmon Management Measures and any Necessary Harvest Specifications for Collation and Analysis**

**Motion 2:** Council tentatively adopt for Salmon Technical Team compilation and analysis the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2026 non-Indian ocean fisheries as developed by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) and described in Agenda Item D.2.e, Supplemental SAS Report 1, April 7, 2026, including the modifications as made in the presentation by the SAS.

Kyle Adicks/David Sones (Motion 2 carried unanimously)

**Motion 3:** Council adopt for Salmon Technical Team compilation and analysis the proposed initial Treaty Troll salmon management Alternatives for ocean quotas:

#### **Makah Tribe**

**Alternative I:** 45,000 Chinook and 45,000 coho

#### **QTA Tribes**

**Alternative I:** 45,000 Chinook and 40,000 coho

This reflects a single Chinook option of 45,000 across all proposed alternatives.

The Alternatives consist of a May 1 – June 30 Chinook-directed fishery, a July 1 start date to the all-species fishery (Chinook and coho), and a September end date at the discretion of each tribe. The Chinook quota in all Alternatives should be evenly split between the two time periods. Season structure is still under discussion among the tribes.

David Sones/Kyle Adicks (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** None

### **3. Sacramento River Fall Chinook Fishery Revised Spawner Abundance at Maximum Sustainable Yield - Terms of Reference**

#### **c. Council Action: Adopt Final Terms of Reference, Provide Guidance on Process and Schedule**

**Motion 12:** Council to adopt the Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) as shown in Agenda Item D.3, Supplemental Attachment 4 with the following modifications:

- In the TOR title, add a reference to the Peer Review Process.

- In the Scope section, specifically reference the current methodology in the second bullet rather than the word “those”.
- In the Peer Review Panelists experience/expertise section, add “experience in reference point estimation methods”.
- Provide Council staff the discretion to make minor changes to the language for clarity and consistency.

John North/Marci Yaremko (Motion 12 carried, Ms. Ridings voted no)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted final Terms of Reference (TOR) for a peer review of the re-estimation of Sacramento River fall Chinook (SRFC) spawner abundance at maximum sustainable yield ( $S_{MSY}$ ). The TOR were approved as presented in [Supplemental Attachment 4](#), with several refinements to improve clarity and specificity. These include adding a reference to the peer review process in the title, explicitly naming the current methodology in the description of the scope, incorporating “experience in reference point estimation methods” into the desired qualifications for peer review panelists, and granting Council staff discretion to make minor editorial updates for consistency.

The TOR outline a public peer review process in which an independent peer review panel will evaluate the scientific merits of a ratio approach to re-estimate  $S_{MSY}$  ( $S_{MSY} = F_{MSY} \times S_{MP}$ ), and four approaches identified by the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup (SRWG) to determine the  $S_{MP}$  (the escapement that maximizes production) to be used in this formula. The review will consider each method’s assumptions, uncertainties, and overall suitability. If the panel concludes the  $S_{MSY} = F_{MSY} \times S_{MP}$  approach is not scientifically suitable, the panel may recommend an alternative method or advise that the SRWG recommend a different approach.

In finalizing the TOR, the Council considered input from its Scientific and Statistical Committee, Salmon Technical Team, Salmon Advisory Subpanel, and public comments.

The Council also directed staff to revise the SRWG TOR to include participation in the peer review panel as part of the group’s responsibilities. The revised SRWG TOR will be provided for Council adoption in June 2026 under the Membership Appointments agenda item. Lastly, the Council provided direction to staff to begin planning for the peer review process, which is scheduled to begin in mid-summer 2026.

#### **4. Clarify Council Direction on 2026 Management Measures**

##### **c. Council Guidance and Direction**

**Staff Summary:** None

#### **5. Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection**

##### **c. Council Action: Adopt Preliminary Topics for 2026 Methodology Review**

**Staff Summary:** At its April meeting, the Council reviewed reports from both the SSC and Salmon Technical Team and discussed several topics related to salmon science and management. While the Council expressed interest in some of the proposed items, no items were identified for a formal methodology review, partially due to competing workload.

The Council will revisit the topic in September and may consider additional items that would be ready for review by October. Any methodology review outcomes completed in 2026 will be presented to the Council at their November meeting.

## **6. Further Direction on 2026 Management Measures**

### **c. Council Guidance and Direction**

**Staff Summary:** None

## **7. Further Direction on 2026 Management Measures**

### **c. Council Guidance and Direction**

**Staff Summary:** None

## **8. 2026 Management Measures – Final Action**

### **c. Council Action: Adopt Final Management Measures for 2026 Ocean Salmon Fisheries**

**Motion 25:** Council adopt for submission to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce the non-Indian commercial and recreational salmon management measures for the area north of Cape Falcon as presented in agenda item D.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated April 12, 2026.

Kyle Adicks/Sharon Kiefer (Motion 25 carried unanimously)

**Motion 26:** Council to adopt the Treaty Indian Troll fishery management measures for submission to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for the area north of Cape Falcon as shown in Agenda Item D.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, Table 3 (April 12, 2026).

David Sones/Kyle Adicks (Motion 26 carried unanimously)

**Motion 27:** Council adopt for submission to the U.S Secretary of Commerce, the non-Indian commercial and recreational salmon management measures for the area from Cape Falcon, Oregon to the Oregon/California border as described in Agenda item D.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated April 12, 2026, including all season descriptions, minimum sizes, and requirements, definitions, restrictions, and exceptions. With the following addition to the Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line area at the bottom of page 2 in Table 1:

“In July, all vessels landing salmon south of the Heceta Bank Line are required to notify ODFW prior to crossing the Heceta Bank Line by either calling 541-857-2546 or sending notification via e-mail to [OR.trollreport@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:OR.trollreport@odfw.oregon.gov) (C.11). Notification shall include

vessel name and number, number of salmon by species and halibut aboard, port of landing and location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery”

John North/David Sones (Motion 27 carried unanimously)

**Motion 28:** Council adopt for submission to the U.S Secretary of Commerce, the 2026 non-Indian commercial and recreational salmon management measures for the area from the Oregon/California border to the U.S./Mexico border as presented in Agenda Item D.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated April 12, 2026, including all season descriptions, minimum sizes, requirements, definitions, restrictions, and exceptions.

Marci Yaremko/Rebecca Lent (Motion 28 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted management measures for 2026 ocean salmon fisheries and will transmit its recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service for implementation by May 16, 2026. Detailed [management measures](#) and a [press release](#) are posted on the Council’s webpage.

## **E. Pacific Halibut Management**

### **1. Incidental Catch Limits for the 2026 Salmon Troll Fishery – Final Action**

#### **c. Council Action: Adopt Final Incidental Pacific Halibut Catch Recommendations for 2026 and Early 2027 Non-Indian Salmon Troll Fisheries**

**Motion 5:** Council adopt the Option 1 (status quo) catch limit for the 2026 salmon fishery as described in Supplemental Salmon Advisory Subpanel Report 1 under Agenda Item E.1.b, April 2026.

Option 1 (status quo) Open May 16, 2026, through the end of the 2026 salmon troll fishery, and beginning April 1, 2027, until modified through inseason action or superseded by the 2027 management measures. License holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per two Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut landed per trip.

Heather Hall/John North (Motion 5 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** Under the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan, the salmon troll fishery receives a portion of the non-tribal commercial halibut allocation for incidental retention. The Council adopted the following halibut retention limits for the ocean salmon troll fishery, effective May 16, 2026, through the end of the 2026 salmon season, and resuming April 1, 2027, unless modified by inseason action or 2027 management measures:

- Beginning May 16, 2026, vessels may retain one Pacific halibut per two Chinook salmon, with a maximum of 35 halibut per trip. Additionally, one halibut may be landed regardless of the ratio requirement (1+1 per 2, 35).

## **F. Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

### **1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report**

#### **e. Council Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** None

### **2. Methodology Review: Integrated West Coast Pelagics Survey**

#### **c. Council Action: Approve Products of the Integrated West Coast Pelagics Survey for use in Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

**Motion 6:** Council approve products of the integrated west coast pelagics survey reviewed in Agenda item F.2, Attachment 4, April 2026, for use in CPS management.  
Briana Brady/Rebecca Lent (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council approved the use of products of the new Integrated West Coast Pelagics Survey (reviewed in [Attachment 4](#)) for use in coastal pelagic species management. Methods and gear remain primarily the same as used on the coastal pelagic species (CPS) survey, with the exception of switching to a new Multi-Function Trawl (MFT) Net from the Nordic 264 net used during prior CPS surveys. The intent is to use the MFT as part of the acoustic-trawl method on the Integrated Survey for collecting survey data on CPS moving forward.

### **3. Exempted Fishing Permits for 2026-27 – Final Action**

#### **c. Council Action: Endorse EFP Applications and Recommend NMFS Issuance, as Appropriate**

**Motion 7:** Council approve Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1 for the 2026-2027 season.  
Briana Brady/Corey Ridings (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the final exempted fishing permit recommendations for the 2026-27 fishing year. This recommendation included the renewal of the proposal submitted by the California Wetfish Producers Association to allow fishing for Pacific sardine for biological samples in nearshore areas ([Attachment 1](#)).

### **4. Pacific Sardine Specifications and Management Measures for 2026-27 – Final Action**

#### **c. Council Action: Adopt Final Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for the 2026-27 Pacific Sardine Fishery**

**Motion 8:** For the 2026-2027 Northern Subpopulation of Pacific sardine, the Council adopt the following specifications:

OFL	4,645 mt
P*	0.45

ABC tier3	3,613 mt
ACL	2,200 mt
ACT	2,100 mt

Accountability Measures:

1. Incidental landing limit in CPS fisheries of 20 percent
2. If the ACT of 2,100 mt is attained, a per-trip limit of 1 mt of Pacific sardine applies to all CPS fisheries
3. An incidental per-landing allowance of 2 mt of Pacific sardine in non-CPS fisheries until the ACL is reached

The specifications accommodate the EFP apportionment of 520 mt.

Rebecca Lent/Jaime Diamond (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted harvest specifications and management measures for the northern subpopulation of Pacific sardine for the 2026-27 fishing year, based on a stock biomass of 30,158 mt projected in the 2025 update assessment ([Attachment 1](#)). In the absence of a stock assessment produced for the 2026-2027 fishing season, the biomass estimate from the 2025 assessment remains the best scientific information available to inform harvest specifications and the SSC determined that rolling over the OFL of 4,645 mt from 2025-26 is appropriate for informing management for 2026-27. Given the lack of new information and the short generation time of Pacific sardine, the SSC also determined the acceptable biological catch (ABC) should be calculated by coupling the OFL value with a Category 3 sigma value of 2.0.

Specifications followed the guidelines of the revised Pacific sardine rebuilding plan approved on May 29, 2025, as Amendment 23 to the CPS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (90 FR 23461). These specifications included an OFL, ABC with a Tier 3 sigma (uncertainty level), a P\* uncertainty buffer, an ACL, and an ACT.

<b>OFL</b>	4,645 mt
<b>P*</b>	0.45
<b>ABC Tier 3</b>	3,613 mt
<b>ACL</b>	2,200 mt
<b>ACT</b>	2,100 mt

Accountability Measures Included:

1. Incidental landing limit in CPS fisheries of 20 percent
2. If the ACT of 2,100 mt is attained, a per-trip limit of 1 mt of Pacific sardine applies to all CPS fisheries
3. An incidental per-landing allowance of 2 mt of Pacific sardine in non-CPS fisheries until the ACL is reached.

The specifications accommodate the exempted fishing permit request of 520 mt.

## **5. Fishery Management Plan Amendment – Sardine Stock Definition and Fishery Management Unit Revision**

### **c. Council Action: Adopt Interim Final Preferred Alternative Sardine Stock Definition; Provide Guidance on Process to Revise the Fishery Management Unit**

**Motion 9:** Council adopt Alternative 1 in Agenda Item [F.5, Attachment 1](#), April 2026 as the interim Final Preferred Alternative (iFPA).

Jaime Diamond/Corey Ridings (Motion 9 carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted Alternative 1 as the interim Final Preferred Alternative (iFPA) for the sardine stock definition in the CPS FMP’s fishery management unit (FMU). Alternative 1 would amend the CPS FMP (Section 1.2, Table 1-1) to include all Pacific sardine in U.S. waters in the FMU. The FMU would include one stock of Pacific sardine, delineated coastwide. The selection of an iFPA is intended to provide a Council decision point to focus the further development of the action, which includes potential revisions to management provisions and reference points for sardine. Final action on the entire FMP amendment package is scheduled for November 2026.

The Council also provided written guidance for NMFS and Council staff to take next steps to prepare a holistic FMP amendment to revise the FMU, per the iFPA. The guidance is as follows:

1. As stated in [Attachment 1](#): the next step will be a review of the key management provisions for Pacific sardine described in the CPS FMP (as outlined in Section 3.3 of Attachment 1) to determine if any of these reference points or other management criteria must be re-affirmed or revised.
2. As described in [Supplemental Attachment 2](#): the CPS subcommittee of the SSC should have a meeting over the summer (of 2026) to review options for generating or reviewing the minimum stock size threshold and the OFL, for the iFPA; while a joint CPS management team-advisory subpanel-SSC (CPSMT-CPSAS-SSC) meeting could be tasked with applying the harvest guideline (HG) control rule formula to the revised stock with recommendations for appropriate parameter values. As described in the supplemental attachment, there are past analyses on these critical elements that can be reviewed. Overall, these meetings sound like reasonable next steps.
3. The technical team at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) has begun work to develop science products to support management of the iFPA stock definition, potentially including a coastwide stock assessment. The Council would look to Council staff and NMFS to invite the appropriate attendees and participants for any meetings this summer (2026).

## **G. Habitat Issues**

### **1. Current Habitat Issues**

#### **d. Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations**

**Staff Summary:** The Council heard updates ([G.1.a, Supplemental HC Report 1](#)) on several issues including oil and gas leasing activities in waters off California, Columbia River dam operations, a proposed transmission cable to be buried under the Columbia River, deep-sea and continental shelf marine mineral mining, and a presentation on associations between commercially fished species and cold-water corals and sponges. The Council expressed appreciation for the updates and directed the Habitat Committee to continue tracking relevant issues and recommend developing comment letters as appropriate.

## **H. Cross Fishery Management Plan**

### **1. Special Project 1: Adaptive Management and Flexibility**

#### **c. Council Action: Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternatives; Provide Guidance on Next Steps**

**Motion 13:** Council proceed with these items in the following order:

- H.1, Attachment 4, Improved Process for Data Streams and Integration of Local and Indigenous Knowledge
- H.1, Attachment 2, If-Then Statements and Inseason Management Actions
- H.1, Attachment 5, Council Action Meeting Requirements
- H.1, Attachment 3, Exempted Fishing Permit Process Improvements

Corey Ridings/Christa Svensson

**Amendment 1:** Change “proceed with” to “prioritize” in the first line.

Marci Yaremko/Sharon Kiefer (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

Motion 13, as amended, carried unanimously

**Motion 14:** Council, regarding the Improved Process for Data Streams and Integration of Local and Indigenous Knowledge priority area of Special Project 1:

- Support development of an email portal for the CCIEA Ecosystem Status Report
- Support development of a new ESR section or appendix for on-the-water observations
- Support development of a fishermen’s roundtable to inform development of the ESR on-the-water section or appendix
- Ask the Executive Director to task staff to scope a workshop to identify LK priorities and pathways, with the specific goal of developing a Fishery Performance Report type product that:
  - o Contains LK and FMP-specific ESR information
  - o Is produced at a time to directly inform the stock assessment process and Council harvest setting processes for each FMP

The workshop should also include discussion of and generate recommendations for ways to gather LK including the development of an on-the-water feedback tool, fishermen's roundtables, and other on-ramps for LK

- Ask the executive director to task staff with continued scoping of a process to integrate Indigenous Knowledge with Tribal representatives

Corey Ridings/Jaime Diamond

**Amendment 1:** add the word “investigating” before development.

- Support investigating development of an email portal for the CCIEA Ecosystem Status Report

Marci Yaremko/Rebecca Lent (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

Motion 14, as amended, carried unanimously

**Motion 15:** Council proceed with the following from [Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 2](#):

- Action 2 (Review of existing If/Then Statements), including review of approaches in other regions
- Action 3 with the following adjustments and prioritization:
  - Reword this action consistent with [Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#): “Task the Advisory Bodies with developing if-then statements and/or new inseason management actions.”
  - Prioritize the HMS and Groundfish FMPs for exploration. For groundfish, this exploration should occur in the recently prioritized Risk Management action.
  - The Salmon FMP should not be included in this exploration.

Task the appropriate advisory body with exploring responses related to changing environmental conditions, as described in [Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental HC Report 1](#).

Aja Szumylo/Jaime Diamond (Motion 15 carried, Ms. Kiefer and Ms. Yaremko abstained)

**Motion 16:** Council:

- Proceed with the following items detailed in [Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 3](#):
  - Action 1 (Clear EFP materials for applicants), with emphasis on clearly defining Council, NMFS, and applicant roles and responsibilities, and including Action 5 (standardize initial review)
  - Action 4 (Promote flexibility and efficiency in Council process)
  - Action 6 (Allow for a one-meeting process)
  - Action 7, Option A (Umbrella COP with FMP-specific subsections)
  - Action 8 (Develop criteria for considering EFPs outside of Council process)
  - Action 9 (Frontload environmental analysis)
  - Actions 11 and 12 (Establish Council Checkpoint and Risk assessment)
- Do not proceed with the remaining actions listed in [Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 3](#).

Aja Szumylo/Corey Ridings (Motion 16 carried, Ms. Yaremko voted no, Dr. Lent abstained)

**Motion 17:** Council task Council staff to bring back a plan to build in more flexibility to Council action timelines, as described in [Agenda Item H.1, Supplemental Attachment 5](#), for additional consideration.

Aja Szumylo/Christa Svensson (Motion 17 carried, Ms. Yaremko abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted preliminary preferred alternatives to advance the implementation of Special Project 1, Adaptive Management and Flexibility. In a series of motions, the Council provided guidance on the following components of the project:

- *Prioritization.* The Council prioritized work under Special Project 1 in this order:
  - Improved Processes for Data Streams and Integration of Local and Indigenous Knowledge
  - If-Then Statements and Inseason Management Actions
  - Council Action Meeting Requirements
  - Exempted Fishing Permit Process Improvements
- *Improved Processes for Data Streams and Integration of Local and Indigenous Knowledge.* The Council expressed support for a new section or appendix of the California Current Ecosystem Status Report (ESR) focused on on-the-water observations, to be informed by fishermen’s roundtables as well as an email portal where fishermen and other members of the public can share their observations with NOAA’s California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment team. The Council also asked the Executive Director to task Council staff with:
  - Scoping a workshop to identify Local Knowledge priorities and pathways that can in turn support development of reports that contain Local Knowledge and ESR information specific to the Council’s FMPs. These reports should be produced at a time when they can directly inform the stock assessment and harvest specifications process for each FMP.
  - Continued scoping, with Tribal representatives, of a process to better integrate Indigenous Knowledge into Council decision-making.
- *If-Then Statements and Inseason Management Actions.* The Council requested that staff conduct a review of existing if-then statements in both NMFS regulations and the Council process, including approaches used in other regions around the U.S. It also tasked Advisory Bodies with reviewing and considering opportunities to develop new if-then statements and/or new inseason management actions, and prioritized the Groundfish and Highly Migratory Species FMPs for this exploration while specifying that the Salmon FMP not be included in this effort. Finally under this priority area, the Council tasked the Habitat Committee and other advisory bodies, as appropriate, with investigating the potential application of if-then statements to support faster responses to changing environmental conditions.
- *Council Action Meeting Requirements.* The Council requested that staff develop a plan to build more flexibility into Council action timelines by identifying opportunities to reduce the number of meetings required for certain non-controversial, broadly-supported actions and decisions. Staff will bring this plan back to the Council for consideration in September 2026.
- *Exempted Fishing Permit Process Improvements.* The Council identified several action items from [Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 3](#) to advance as part of this fourth and final priority area of Special Project 1. Each of these actions is focused on improving or

streamlining elements of the Council’s process for reviewing, recommending, and evaluating exempted fishing permits (EFPs):

- Action 1 – Create clear EFP materials for applicants
- Action 4 – Promote efficiency and flexibility in EFP applications and in Council recommendations on EFPs
- Action 5 – Standardize the protocol for initial review of EFP applications
- Action 6 – Allow for a one-meeting process for certain EFPs and identify other review flexibilities
- Action 7 (Option A) – Create an umbrella Council Operating Procedure with FMP-specific subsections
- Action 8 – Develop criteria for considering EFPs outside of designated cycles/review windows
- Action 9 – Frontload environmental analyses and build in flexibilities, where and as appropriate
- Action 11 – Establish a checkpoint schedule for considering EFP-informed management changes
- Action 12 – Develop an approach to assessing risk and scientific uncertainty when considering an EFP-informed regulatory change

*Next Steps.* For each of the above components and where tasked, staff and Advisory Bodies will seek to develop materials, analyses, and recommendations for further consideration at the September Council meeting or, in some cases, at a later meeting, depending on the timing and sequencing of Special Project 1 work products and alignment with any related agenda items.

## **2. Council and National Marine Fisheries Service Workload – Capacity Alignment**

### **d. Council Discussion**

**Staff Summary:** None

## **I. Administrative Matters**

### **1. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures**

#### **d. Council Discussion**

**Staff Summary:** The Council made the following appointments to the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Peer Review Panel

- Chair, Dr. Scott Rumsey (Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission)
- Dr. Hamachan Hamazaki (Alaska Department of Fish and Game)
- Dr. Thomas Buehrens (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife)
- Dr. Tim Copeland (Idaho Department of Fish and Game)
- Mr. Tommy Garrison (Tribal)

- Dr. Martin Liermann (National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center)
- Dr. Steve Lindley (Independent expert)

The Council requested the following positions be announced

- Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) – 1 processor position
- Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) – 1 Washington At-Large representative
- Habitat Committee (HC) – 1 At-Large position
- Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) – 1 Trawl At-Large

The Council is also seeking nominations for two at-large positions on the SSC. The Council welcomes all applications and is particularly interested in individuals with experience in economics, social science, groundfish, coastal pelagic species, and salmon.

## **2. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning**

### **c. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning**

**Staff Summary:** None

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

[Informational Report 1:](#) Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Rationalization Program – 2026 Cost Recovery Annual Report

[Informational Report 2:](#) Shorebased Whiting Cooperative – Salmon Mitigation Plan Postseason Report on the 2025 Pacific Whiting Fishery

[Informational Report 3:](#) Whiting Mothership Cooperative – An Amendment 20 Mothership Catcher Vessel Cooperative Annual Report on the 2025 Pacific Whiting Fishery

[Informational Report 4:](#) Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative Amendment 20 Catcher/Processor Cooperative Annual Report 2025

[Supplemental Informational Report 5:](#) Recreational Fisheries Roundtable

[Supplemental Informational Report 6:](#) Remembering Kevin Dunn

[Supplemental Informational Report 7:](#) Overview of Seafood Watch’s Standard for Fisheries Changes

[Supplemental Informational Report 8:](#) Announcing a 2026 Marine Resource Education Program (MREP)

## **VOTING LOG**

**Motion 1:** Council approve the Detailed Agenda for the 287<sup>th</sup> session presented as [A.3 in the April 2026 Briefing Book](#).

Sharon Kiefer/Brad Pettinger (Motion 1 carried unanimously)

**Motion 2:** Council tentatively adopt for Salmon Technical Team compilation and analysis the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2026 non-Indian ocean fisheries as developed by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) and described in [Agenda Item D.2.e, Supplemental SAS Report 1, April 7, 2026](#), including the modifications as made in the presentation by the SAS.

Kyle Adicks/David Sones (Motion 2 carried unanimously)

**Motion 3:** Council adopt for Salmon Technical Team compilation and analysis the proposed initial Treaty Troll salmon management Alternatives for ocean quotas:

**Makah Tribe**

**Alternative I:** 45,000 Chinook and 45,000 coho

**QTA Tribes**

**Alternative I:** 45,000 Chinook and 40,000 coho

This reflects a single Chinook option of 45,000 across all proposed alternatives.

The Alternatives consist of a May 1 – June 30 Chinook-directed fishery, a July 1 start date to the all-species fishery (Chinook and coho), and a September end date at the discretion of each tribe. The Chinook quota in all Alternatives should be evenly split between the two time periods. Season structure is still under discussion among the tribes.

David Sones/Kyle Adicks (Motion 3 carried unanimously)

**Motion 4:** Council remove Alternatives 2a and 2c from the range of alternatives, and move the following forward for further consideration: alternative 2b, and add alternative 2d to the range, as described in [Agenda Item C.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#). Alternative 2 as described in [Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2 \(CAD document\)](#) should be removed from the range of alternatives.

Jaime Diamond/Rebecca Lent (Motion 4 carried unanimously)

**Motion 5:** Council adopt the Option 1 (status quo) catch limit for the 2026 salmon fishery as described in [Supplemental Salmon Advisory Subpanel Report 1](#) under Agenda Item E.1.b, April 2026.

Option 1 (status quo) Open May 16, 2026, through the end of the 2026 salmon troll fishery, and beginning April 1, 2027, until modified through inseason action or superseded by the 2027 management measures. License holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per two Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut landed per trip.

Heather Hall/John North (Motion 5 carried unanimously)

**Motion 6:** Council approve products of the integrated west coast pelagics survey reviewed in [Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 4, April 2026](#), for use in CPS management.

Briana Brady/Rebecca Lent (Motion 6 carried unanimously)

**Motion 7:** Council approve [Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1](#) for the 2026-2027 season.

Briana Brady/Corey Ridings (Motion 7 carried unanimously)

**Motion 8:** For the 2026-2027 Northern Subpopulation of Pacific sardine, the Council adopt the following specifications:

OFL	4,645 mt
P*	0.45
ABC tier3	3,613 mt
ACL	2,200 mt
ACT	2,100 mt

Accountability Measures:

1. Incidental landing limit in CPS fisheries of 20 percent
2. If the ACT of 2,100 mt is attained, a per-trip limit of 1 mt of Pacific sardine applies to all CPS fisheries
3. An incidental per-landing allowance of 2 mt of Pacific sardine in non-CPS fisheries until the ACL is reached

The specifications accommodate the EFP apportionment of 520 mt.

Rebecca Lent/Jaime Diamond (Motion 8 carried unanimously)

**Motion 9:** Council adopt Alternative 1 in Agenda Item [F.5, Attachment 1](#); April 2026 as the interim Final Preferred Alternative (iFPA).

Jaime Diamond/Corey Ridings (Motion 9 carried unanimously)

**Motion 10:** Council adopt:

1. default harvest control rule (HCR) for calculating the annual catch limit (ACL) for all stocks, except widow rockfish and the stocks in the table below as the interim final preferred alternative (FPA) for 2027-28; and
2. the Alternative 2 HCR as the interim FPA for canary rockfish, petrale sole, and yellowtail rockfish north of 40° 10' N. lat. as recommended by the GAP (Table 1 in [Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2026](#)) and GMT ([Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, April 2026](#)), shown in the table below:

Stock	Alt	HCR	2027 ACL (mt)	2028 ACL (mt)
Canary rockfish	Alt. 2	ABC= ACL (P* = 0.45)	643	664
Petrale sole	Alt.2	ABC/ACL = 2,489 mt for 2027-28; return to default in 2029	2,489	2,489
Rougheye/ Blackspotted rockfish b/	Alt.2	ACL = 300 mt	300	300
Shortspine thornyhead	Alt.2	ABC/ACL = 902 mt for 2027-28; return to default in 2029	902	902

Yellowtail rockfish north of 40° 10' N lat.	Alt. 2	Ad-Hoc Phase In	5,050	4,730
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b/Appportioned 98 percent to slope rockfish complex north of 40° 10' N. lat. and 2 percent to the slope rockfish complex south of 40° 10' N. lat.

Lynn Mattes/Caroline McKnight (Motion 10, as amended, carried unanimously)

**Motion 11:** Council make the following changes to the Groundfish Management Measure Lists in [Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1, April 2026](#):

- Prioritize (add to Table A)
  - C2 (Risk Management), rank as new A4, and include T7
  - C1 (Trawl Follow-On), rank as new A5; focus staff on the high priority items in [Agenda Item C.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#) first
- Combine B2 (IFQ Carryover from 10 Percent) and B3 (Aggregate Non-whiting Quota Share Control Limits) into C2
- Remove Item B5 from Table B

Aja Szumylo/Brad Pettinger (Motion 11 carried unanimously)

**Motion 12:** Council to adopt the Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) as shown in [Agenda Item D.3, Supplemental Attachment 4](#) with the following modifications:

- In the TOR title, add a reference to the Peer Review Process.
- In the Scope section, specifically reference the current methodology in the second bullet rather than the word “those”.
- In the Peer Review Panelists experience/expertise section, add “experience in reference point estimation methods”.
- Provide Council staff the discretion to make minor changes to the language for clarity and consistency.

John North/Marci Yaremko (Motion 12 carried, Ms. Ridings voted no)

**Motion 13:** Council prioritize these items in the following order:

- [H.1, Attachment 4](#), Improved Process for Data Streams and Integration of Local and Indigenous Knowledge
- [H.1, Attachment 2](#), If-Then Statements and Inseason Management Actions
- [H.1, Attachment 5](#), Council Action Meeting Requirements
- [H.1, Attachment 3](#), Exempted Fishing Permit Process Improvements

Corey Ridings/Christa Svensson (Motion 13, as amended, carried unanimously)

**Motion 14:** Council, regarding the Improved Process for Data Streams and Integration of Local and Indigenous Knowledge priority area of Special Project 1:

- Support investigating development of an email portal for the CCIEA Ecosystem Status Report
- Support development of a new ESR section or appendix for on-the-water observations
- Support development of a fishermen’s roundtable to inform development of the ESR on-the-water section or appendix

- Ask the Executive Director to task staff to scope a workshop to identify LK priorities and pathways, with the specific goal of developing a Fishery Performance Report type product that:
  - o Contains LK and FMP-specific ESR information
  - o Is produced at a time to directly inform the stock assessment process and Council harvest setting processes for each FMP
 The workshop should also include discussion of and generate recommendations for ways to gather LK including the development of an on-the-water feedback tool, fishermen’s roundtables, and other on-ramps for LK
- Ask the executive director to task staff with continued scoping of a process to integrate Indigenous Knowledge with Tribal representatives

Corey Ridings/Jaime Diamond (Motion 14, as amended, carried unanimously)

**Motion 15:** Council proceed with the following from [Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 2](#):

- Action 2 (Review of existing If/Then Statements), including review of approaches in other regions
- Action 3 with the following adjustments and prioritization:
  - o Reword this action consistent with [Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#): “Task the Advisory Bodies with developing if-then statements and/or new inseason management actions.”
  - o Prioritize the HMS and Groundfish FMPs for exploration. For groundfish, this exploration should occur in the recently prioritized Risk Management action.
  - o The Salmon FMP should not be included in this exploration.

Task the appropriate advisory body with exploring responses related to changing environmental conditions, as described in [Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental HC Report 1](#).

Aja Szumylo/Jaime Diamond (Motion 15 carried, Ms. Kiefer and Ms. Yaremko abstained)

**Motion 16:** Council:

- Proceed with the following items detailed in [Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 3](#):
  - o Action 1 (Clear EFP materials for applicants), with emphasis on clearly defining Council, NMFS, and applicant roles and responsibilities, and including Action 5 (standardize initial review)
  - o Action 4 (Promote flexibility and efficiency in Council process)
  - o Action 6 (Allow for a one-meeting process)
  - o Action 7, Option A (Umbrella COP with FMP-specific subsections)
  - o Action 8 (Develop criteria for considering EFPs outside of Council process)
  - o Action 9 (Frontload environmental analysis)
  - o Actions 11 and 12 (Establish Council Checkpoint and Risk assessment)
- Do not proceed with the remaining actions listed in [Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 3](#).

Aja Szumylo/Corey Ridings (Motion 16 carried, Ms. Yaremko voted no, Dr. Lent abstained)

**Motion 17:** Council task Council staff to bring back a plan to build in more flexibility to Council action timelines, as described in [Agenda Item H.1, Supplemental Attachment 5](#), for additional consideration.

Aja Szumylo/Christa Svensson (Motion 17 carried, Ms. Yaremko abstained)

**Motion 18:** Council adopt the preliminary 2027 and 2028 Tribal management measures and set-asides as specified in [Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1, April 2026](#).  
David Sones/Sharon Kiefer (Motion 18 carried unanimously)

**Motion 19:** Council adopt the following preliminary preferred alternatives for management measures in 2027-2028 following the Action Item Checklist numbering from [Agenda Item C.7, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1, April 2026](#):

Action Item #2 Area Management as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#) and [C.7.a, Supplemental EC Report 1](#):

- Remove from regulations the Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas off California including Point St. George, South Reef, Reading Rock, Point Delgada (North) and Point Delgada (South)
- Remove from regulations the Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area Expansions 1 and 2 off Oregon from both the groundfish regulations (50 CFR 660.360(c)(2)) and (50 CFR 660.70(i)) and the Pacific halibut regulations (50 CFR 300.63(f))
- Remove the 150 fm Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area boundary line around Lasuen Knoll, and revise Federal regulations regarding the exemption for Lasuen Knoll and Osborne Bank
- Modify the Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area regulatory text in the Federal trip limit table(s)

Action Item #6 ACTs as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#):

- Status quo recreational copper rockfish south of 34° 27' N. lat.
- Status quo Non-trawl shortspine thornyhead north of 34° 27' N. lat. (25 percent of the non-trawl allocation)
- New recreational ACTs for:
  - California quillback rockfish
  - Vermilion/sunset rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat.
  - Lingcod south of 40° 10' N. lat.

Action Item #7 Trawl/Non-trawl Allocations as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental Gap Report 1](#):

- Status quo for Big skate, Bocaccio south of 40° 10' N. lat., Cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat., Lingcod south of 40° 10' N. lat., Longnose skate, Petrale sole, Shelf rockfish north of 40° 10' N. lat., Shelf rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat., Shortspine thornyhead, Widow rockfish
- Slope/Blackgill rockfish - Option 4 – rolling five-year average mortality

Action Item #8 Further Non-trawl Allocations as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#):

- Status quo for Cowcod south of 40° 10' N. lat. and bocaccio south of 40° 10' N. lat.

Action Item #20 California Recreational Fishery

As described in [C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#):

- Boat-based rockfish and lingcod Season Structure Option 4 (statewide April 1 – December 31 all depths)
- Status quo rockfish sub-bag limits statewide except:
  - 2-fish sub-bag limit on vermilion/sunset rockfish statewide
  - December 1 fish sub-bag limit for cowcod and yelloweye rockfish

As described in [C.7.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#):

- Decoupling the Rockfish, Cabezon and Greenling Complex

As described in [C.7.a, Supplemental EC Report 1](#):

- Maintain whole fish landing condition for cowcod and yelloweye rockfish  
Caroline McKnight/Lynn Mattes (Motion 19 carried unanimously)

**Motion 20:** Council adopt the following as the preliminary preferred alternative for groundfish management measures in 2027-28 (*Numbers from [Agenda Item C.7, REVISED Attachment 1, April 2026](#), the DRAFT Action Item Checklist*):

Action Item #3 Off-the-top Deductions

The following preliminary off-the-top deductions from the ACLs for 2027 and 2028, as recommended by the GMT ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, April 2026](#)) and GAP ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2026](#)) and shown in Table A-1, Appendix 1, [Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, April 2026](#):

- Research: use the rolling 5-year median of research mortality to set research set-asides in 2027-28, except for:
  - o yelloweye rockfish use 2.92 mt for the research set-aside, based on anticipated research projects and
  - o petrale sole use 24.1 mt
- Incidental Open Access: use the rolling 5-year average mortality to set IOA set-asides in 2027-28
- Exempted Fishing Permits: no set-asides requested for 2027-28; 0 mt for all stocks and complexes

Action Item #5 Harvest Guidelines

The fishery harvest guidelines, using the PPA recommended off-the-top deductions (Action Items #3 and #4) in Table A-1 of [C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#), which includes the updated Tribal set-asides [from Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1, April 2026](#), as recommended by the [GMT](#) and [GAP](#).

Action Item #9 Sablefish Allocations

The set-asides as recommended by the GMT ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, April 2026](#)) and GAP ([Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2026](#)) for Sablefish north of 36° N. lat.

- Research- use rolling 5-year median
- EFPs- none requested for 2027-2028
- Recreational- an increase from 30 mt to 50 mt

And Sablefish south of 36° N. lat. maintain status quo as shown in Table 8, [Supplemental GMT Report 2](#))

- Research- use rolling 5-year median
- IOA- use rolling 5-year average
- EFPs- none requested for 2027-2028
- Recreational- status quo of 10 mt
- And maintain the status quo shares for LE and OA fixed gear

Action Item #10 Yelloweye Rockfish Allocations

The status quo biennial allocations for yelloweye rockfish as recommended by the GMT ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, April 2026](#)) and GAP ([Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, April 2026](#))

- Status quo trawl/non-trawl sharing: 8 percent trawl, 92 percent non-trawl
- Status quo within non-trawl sharing percentages, and

- maintain the non-trawl ACTs at 78.4 percent of the HG
- the resulting sector-specific shares as shown in Table 9 in [Supplemental GMT Report 2](#) (and shown below)

	<b>Alternative 1 2027/28 (mt)</b>	
ACL	113.0	
Off-the-Top Deduction	16.3	
Fishery HG	96.7	
<b>Trawl (8%)</b>	7.7	
<i>At-Sea</i>	-	
<i>IFQ</i>	7.7	
<b>Non-trawl (92%)</b>	<b>HG</b>	<b>ACT</b>
	89.0	69.7
<i>Non-nearshore / Nearshore (20.9%)</i>	18.6	14.6
<i>WA Rec (25.6%)</i>	22.8	17.9
<i>OR Rec (23.3%)</i>	20.7	16.3
<i>CA Rec (30.2%)</i>	26.9	21.1

Action Item #19 Oregon Recreational Fishery

The recommendations for the Oregon recreational fishery for 2027-2028 from [Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 1, April 2026](#) for public review and finalization in June. Lynn Mattes/Brad Pettinger (Motion 20 carries unanimously)

**Motion 21:** Council adopt the following alternatives as PPA for groundfish management measures in 2027-28 (Numbers from [Agenda Item C.7, REVISED Attachment 1, April 2026](#), the DRAFT Action Item Checklist):

Action Item #11 Canary Rockfish Biennial Allocations and within Non-Trawl HGs

- Adopt the status quo biennial Trawl/Non-Trawl allocations and within non-trawl harvest guidelines as recommended by the GMT in [C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#)

Action Item #12 Within Trawl Set-aside

- Adopt the 2027-2028 at-sea set asides as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report, Table 1](#)

Action Item # 13 Shore Based IFQ

- Adopt the status quo IFQ trip limits for non-IFQ species

Action Item #14 - #17 (OA North and South of 40°10' N. lat., and LEFG North and South of 40°10'N. lat.)

- Adopt the commercial trip limit options for Open Access (OA) and Limited Entry (LE) non-trawl fisheries as recommended by the GMT in [C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3, April 2026](#)

Action Item #18 Washington Recreational Fishery

- No PPA; WDFW will continue to analyze the range of alternatives as described in [C.7.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 2, April 2026](#) and include a stand-alone alternative that would allow yelloweye retention on days open to halibut in June.

Heather Hall/Caroline McKnight (Motion 21 carried unanimously)

**Motion 22:** Council continue to explore the WDFW approach as described in [C.7.a, WDFW Report 1, April 2026](#), [G.6.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1, September 2025](#), and, [F.8.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1, November 2025](#), as well as other ideas to improve attainment of the ACL across sectors under the newly prioritized Risk Management project.

Heather Hall/Caroline McKnight (Motion 22 carried unanimously)

**Motion 23:** Council Adopt the DRAFT Language for Amendment (TBD) to Support Removal of Yelloweye and CA Quillback Rockfishes Rebuilding Plans from the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan for public review ([Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 3, April 2026](#))

Lynn Mattes/Heather Hall (Motion 23 carried unanimously)

**Motion 24:** Council direct the Executive Director to review the socio-economic analyses supporting groundfish management measures and identify ways in which these analyses can be improved to help inform management. This would be undertaken in collaboration with NMFS social scientists/economists.

The work should build upon the four recommendations contained in the Groundfish Management Team report ([C.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report 4, April 2026](#)), and should attempt to:

- Inventory existing data, tools, and analytical approaches;
- Identify key gaps; and
- Recommend actions to address those gaps.

A summary report would be presented at a subsequent Council meeting, ideally in November, for review and feedback from advisory bodies, the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and the Council. A revised report would then inform integration into the Council's groundfish management process.

Rebecca Lent/Jaime Diamond (Motion 24 carried, Ms. Kiefer abstained)

**Motion 25:** Council adopt for submission to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce the non-Indian commercial and recreational salmon management measures for the area north of Cape Falcon as presented in agenda item [D.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated April 12, 2026](#).

Kyle Adicks/Sharon Kiefer (Motion 25 carried unanimously)

**Motion 26:** Council to adopt the Treaty Indian Troll fishery management measures for submission to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for the area north of Cape Falcon as shown in Agenda Item [D.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, Table 3 \(April 12, 2026\)](#).

David Sones/Kyle Adicks (Motion 26 carried unanimously)

**Motion 27:** Council adopt for submission to the U.S Secretary of Commerce, the non-Indian commercial and recreational salmon management measures for the area from Cape Falcon, Oregon to the Oregon/California border as described in [Agenda item D.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated April 12, 2026](#), including all season descriptions, minimum sizes, and requirements, definitions, restrictions, and exceptions. With the following addition to the Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line area at the bottom of page 2 in Table 1:

“In July, all vessels landing salmon south of the Heceta Bank Line are required to notify ODFW prior to crossing the Heceta Bank Line by either calling 541-857-2546 or sending notification via e-mail to [OR.trollreport@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:OR.trollreport@odfw.oregon.gov) (C.11). Notification shall include vessel name and number, number of salmon by species and halibut aboard, port of landing and location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery”

John North/David Sones (Motion 27 carried unanimously)

**Motion 28:** Council adopt for submission to the U.S Secretary of Commerce, the 2026 non-Indian commercial and recreational salmon management measures for the area from the Oregon/California border to the U.S./Mexico border as presented in [Agenda Item D.8.a, Supplemental STT Report 1, dated April 12, 2026](#), including all season descriptions, minimum sizes, requirements, definitions, restrictions, and exceptions.

Marci Yaremko/Rebecca Lent (Motion 28 carried unanimously)

## ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 2:17 p.m.

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Pete Hassemer  
Council Chair

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Date