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Supplemental GMT Presentation 2
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# 2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures - Part 2

## Supplemental GMT Report 2

## Action Items #5 - 11

## ACTs, Allocations, Stock Specific HG/Shares and Set Asides

# Action Item #5 - Annual Catch Targets

**Determination of ACTs for**

1. **Copper Rockfish (S. of Pt. Conception)**
   a. **GMT recommends status quo method for recreational ACT**
2. **Shortspine Thornyhead (N. of Pt. Conception)**
   a. **GMT recommends status quo method for ACT**
3. **Yelloweye Rockfish addressed in Action Item #9**

# Annual Catch Targets (AIC #5)

- Copper Rockfish (South of Pt. Conception)
  - Recreational ACT in response to area-specific biomass estimates from 2023 assessment
  - **GMT recommends status quo method for setting the ACT**
    - Set ACT equal to the sub-ACL values specific to areas south of Pt. Conception as projected for 2027–28
- Shortspine Thornyhead (North of Pt. Conception)
  - **GMT recommends status quo method for setting the ACT**
    - Set the ACT at 25% of the coastwide non-trawl allocation

# Annual Catch Targets (AIC #5)

**Table 1. Status quo 2027 and 2028 ACTs for Copper rockfish south of Pt. Conception (34° 27′ N. lat.) and Shortspine Thornyhead north of 34° 27′ N. lat. assuming default harvest control rules, and status quo set-asides.**

| Stock or Management Unit with ACT | Groundfish Sector(s) Managed to ACT | Status Quo ACT Method | Status Quo 2027 ACT (mt) | Status Quo 2028 ACT (mt) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Copper rockfish south of Pt. Conception (34° 27′ N. lat.) | CA Recreational | "Sub-ACL South" value provided in Table xiv of the 2023 stock assessment | 20.1 | 22.0 |
| Shortspine Thornyhead (north of 34° 27′ N. lat.) | Commercial Non-Trawl | 25 percent of the coastwide non-trawl allocation | 55.6 | 59.6 |

# Action Item #6 - Trawl/Non-Trawl Allocations

1. Analyze status quo allocations for all stocks except:
   a. Recommend options for minor slope rockfish (S. of 40°10') and widow rockfish

# Blackgill rockfish (minor slope rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat) (AIC #6)

- Blackgill rockfish managed within minor slope rockfish south of 40° 10' N. lat during 2021-2022 biennium
  - Assigned different HG than other species
    - 41 trawl - 59 non-trawl for backgill versus 91-9 for other species
  - Sharing proportions were calculated but not applied to trawl/non-trawl allocations, rather allocations were being set at 63-37
  - Non-trawl mortality for minor slope rockfish has increased relative to trawl mortality
- **GMT recommends options for blackgill rockfish**
  - **Status quo: Status quo allocation (63-37)**
  - **Option 1: Use a revised "blackgill math" method with updated proportions**
  - **Option 2: Use a 52-48 allocation, based on recent 5-year mortality**

# Widow rockfish (AIC #6)

- Formal allocation structure of 91 trawl - 9 non-trawl has resulted in under-attainment within the non-trawl sector
  - So the council transitioned to a fixed value for the non-trawl sector (300mt)
- Based on current widow rockfish stock assessment, the current allocation will constrain IFQ trawl sector, which includes the midwater rockfish fleet
- **GMT recommends analyzing two options for widow rockfish**
  - **Status quo: Status quo non-trawl allocation (300mt)**
  - **Option 1: Reduce the non-trawl allocation to 150mt**

# Widow rockfish (AIC #6)

**Table 2. Two-year trawl/non-trawl allocation options for widow rockfish in 2027 and 2028. Note that the allocations shown use the ACL from the September widow rockfish stock assessment which has not been adopted by the Council. SQ = Status Quo**

| Option | 2027 | | | | 2028 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Trawl Allocation | | Non-trawl Allocation | | Trawl Allocation | | Non-trawl Allocation | |
| | mt | Reduction from 2026 | mt | Reduction from SQ | mt | Reduction from 2026 | mt | Reduction from SQ |
| SQ | 4,295 | 57% | 300 | 0% | 4,628 | 53% | 300 | 0% |
| Option 1 | 4,445 | 55% | 150 | 50% | 4,778 | 52% | 150 | 50% |

# Action Item #7 - Within Sector Allocations

**Within Non-Trawl Harvest Guidelines (HGs) for**

1. **Cowcod south of 40°10’ N. lat.**
   a. **GMT recommends the status quo (50-50) HG**
2. **Bocaccio south of 40°10’ N. lat**
   a. **GMT recommends the status quo (69.1-30.9) HG**

# Action Item #8 - 10 Stock Specific

**Stocks include**

1. **Sablefish North of 36° N. lat. (Action item #8)**
2. **Yelloweye rockfish (Action item #9)**
3. **Canary rockfish (Action item #10)**

# Sablefish *North of 36° N. lat.* (AIC #8)

- **GMT recommends analyzing an increase of the recreational set-aside based on mortality trends**.
  - The current recreational set-aside is 30 metric tons (mt).
  - The recreational fishery is seeing an increase in anglers both harvesting and pursuing sablefish
- **The GMT recommends status quo for all other sablefish allocations and sharing percentages**

# Yelloweye rockfish - Retention (AIC #9)

## Retention - risk tolerance

- Yelloweye projected to be rebuilt following the 2025 stock assessment
- GMT discussed risk tolerance tradeoffs and precaution when considering yelloweye rockfish retention
- Regaining access to long-closed areas potentially more impactful than yelloweye retention

**If the Council wants GMT to analyze yelloweye retention, we request the Council provide guidance for GMT to do so overwinter**

GMT encourages Council to consider how retention or prohibition of yelloweye may affect future review of management boundaries

# Yelloweye rockfish - ACTs (AIC #9)

- Current ACT set at 78.4% of non-trawl HG
- Last cycle GMT recommended Council remove yelloweye ACT for non-trawl fisheries
- Also, GMT currently recommended a constant ACL of 85 mt (GMT Report 1)
- If....
  - The Council tasks the GMT with analyzing yelloweye rockfish for overwinter analysis, **the GMT recommends keeping the ACTs in place.**
  - The Council does not wish to pursue retention, **the GMT continues to recommend removal of the current ACTs**
- **The GMT recommends status quo methods for HGs and allocations**

# Canary rockfish (AIC #10)

- **The GMT recommends status quo allocations of 72.3 trawl - 27.7 non-trawl for the 2027-2028 biennium.**
  - If the overwinter analysis indicates a different course of action, the GMT will update the Council thereafter.
- The GMT discussed the WDFW Report on increase flexibility (WDFW Report 1) but did not reach consensus on whether to evaluate the proposal during our overwinter analysis
  - **We request Council guidance** on whether this idea, and any similar concepts that may emergere during further analysis of the proposal, should be analyzed.

# Action Item #11 - Within Trawl At-Sea Set-asides

**Reanalysis for all species with at-sea set-asides**

1. **The GMT recommends analyzing the range of options in Table 4 for 2027-28 at-sea set-asides**

**Table 4 provided on the next slide**

# GMT Recommended At-Sea Set-Aside Values for Overwinter Analysis

| Stock/Management Unit | Status Quo | Option 1 |
|---|---|---|
| Arrowtooth flounder | 100 | |
| Canary rockfish | 20 | 21.9 |
| Darkblotched rockfish | 100 | |
| Dover sole | 10 | remove |
| Lingcod north of 40° 10′ N. lat. | 15 | remove |
| Longnose skate | 5 | remove |
| Other flatfish | 100 | |
| Pacific halibut | 10 | |
| Pacific ocean perch | 300 | |
| Petrale sole | 5 | remove |
| Sablefish north of 36° N. lat. | 429 | 305 |
| Shortspine thornyhead north of 34° 27′ N. lat. | 70 | 76.3 |
| Shelf rockfish complex north of 40° 10′ N. lat. | 35 | |
| Slope rockfish complex north of 40° 10′ N. lat. | 300 | |
| Widow rockfish | 300 | TBD |
| Yellowtail rockfish north of 40° 10′ N. lat. | 360 | 320 |

# GMT Requests and Recommendations Summary

- **The GMT recommends status quo method for setting the copper rockfish south of Pt. Conception and shortspine thornyhead north of Pt. Conception ACTs**
- **The GMT recommends options for minor slope rockfish (S. of 40°10') and widow rockfish for overwinter analysis**
- **The GMT recommends analyzing an increase of the recreational set-aside for sablefish North of 36° N. lat.**

# Requests and Recommendations (cont.)

- **The GMT requests Council guidance if the GMT should analyze yelloweye rockfish retention overwinter**
  - If the Council tasks the GMT with analyzing yelloweye rockfish for overwinter analysis, **the GMT recommends keeping the ACTs in place.**
  - If the Council does not wish to pursue retention, **the GMT continues to recommend removal of the current ACTs**
- **The GMT recommends status quo trawl/non-trawl allocations for canary rockfish**
  - Within non-trawl shares & WDFW Report: **The GMT requests Council guidance on whether this idea should be analyzed**

# Questions?