

2027-28 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures - Part 2

Supplemental GMT Report 3

Action Items #12 - 19

Trip Limits, Bag Limits, Size Limits, and Season Structures

Action Item #12 - Trawl Management Shore-Based Individual Fishing Quota (SB-IFQ)

Trip Limit Adjustments

- **Non-IFQ Species**
 - GMT recommends status quo trip limits for non-IFQ species

Action Item #13-16 - Non-Trawl Management Open Access and Limited Entry Fixed Gear (north and south of 40° 10' N. lat.)

- **Trip Limits**
- **Non-Bottom Contact Gear Update**
- **Reducing Regulatory Complexity**

Non-Trawl Management

Open Access and Limited Entry Fixed Gear (AIC #13-16)

- **Trip Limits**

- Investigate routine trip limit adjustments
- Analyze species-specific trip limits within the shelf and slope rockfish complexes to allow for greater flexibility in attaining individual stocks
- Investigate using consistent trip limits across sub-areas where possible
- Investigate limited retention of cowcod

Non-Trawl Management

Open Access and Limited Entry Fixed Gear (AIC #13-16)

- **Non-Bottom Contact (Troll) Gear Update**
 - Shorten the required distance from the bottom weight/troll wire connection to the horizontal main line from 50 feet to 30 feet
 - Per Federal guidance, this may fall under a new management measure & should be considered in a separate rulemaking

Non-Trawl Management

Open Access and Limited Entry Fixed Gear (AIC #13-16)

- **Reducing Regulatory Complexity**
 - **Lausen Knoll (Southern California)**
 - The RCA applies between the 100-fm and 150-fm lines
 - Because bathymetry makes the area between these two lines too small to be enforceable there is no 100-fm line around Lausen Knoll
 - Turn off the 150 fathom boundary line and update relevant regulatory text
 - Council took similar action in Nov 2023 for Osborn Bank

Non-Trawl Management

Open Access and Limited Entry Fixed Gear (AIC #13-16)

- **Reducing Regulatory Complexity (Continued)**
 - **Federal Non-Trawl Trip Limit Tables**
 - Federal and state regulations each refer to the other regarding closures in state waters causing stakeholder confusion
 - The GMT will investigate the feasibility of clarifying federal regulatory text
 - **The GMT provides recommended changes to regulatory language within the report**

Action Item #17-19 - Non-Trawl Management Recreational

Routine adjustments to seasons, depths, and bag limits, as well as:

- **WA: Expanding access to lingcod**
- **OR: Expanding access to cabezon and lingcod**
- **CA: Expanding access to cowcod, cabezon and greenling**

Non-Trawl Management

Washington Recreational (AIC #17)

- **Increase access to lingcod**
 - Lingcod is prohibited in some areas/times of the year, except during Pacific halibut-open days.
 - These prohibitions were implemented due to increased encounters with constraining stocks (yelloweye and canary rockfishes) when targeting lingcod
- **Consider aligning lingcod regulations between the South Coast and Columbia River management areas**
- **Consider other routine management measures**

Non-Trawl Management

Oregon Recreational (AIC #18)

- **Cabazon restrictions**
 - Remove cabazon sub-bag limit and minimum size limit restrictions
 - Cabazon is managed through more restrictive state regulations in addition to Federal regulations
 - Removing these federal restrictions would provide state management with more flexibility
- **Lingcod retention in the long-leader offshore fishery**
 - Lingcod prohibition was originally implemented due to interactions with canary and yelloweye rockfishes
- **Consider routine management measures**

Non-Trawl Management

California Recreational (AIC #19)

- **Council guidance & routine management measures**
 - The [June council guidance](#) to investigate all depth fishing in favor of management via sub-bag limits will be evaluated alongside all other routine adjustments to season dates, depths, and bag limits
- **Limited cowcod retention**
 - Analyze limited opportunity for cowcod retention overwinter
- **Rockfish, cabezon, greenling (RCG) complex**
 - Cabezon and greenling (CG) are subject to the same regulations as rockfish; however, CG are underutilized
 - GMT will analyze pulling CG out of RCG via a routine bag limit change

Summary of GMT Recommendations & Discussion for Management Measures and Overwinter Work

- **Trawl:** The GMT recommends adopting status quo Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) trip limits for non-IFQ stocks.
- **Commercial Non-Trawl:** The GMT will analyze routine trip limit adjustments overwinter and investigate clarifying regulations
- **Recreational:** The GMT will analyze routine adjustments to season dates, depths, and bag limits overwinter

Questions?
