

D.3 PHASE 2 STOCK DEFINITIONS: REMAINING NEARSHORE SPECIES – FINAL ACTION

Council Task:

1. Adopt an FPA for the 8 remaining nearshore species.
2. Adopt the FPA stock definition Options for the species adopted under Alternative 1, if not previously defined, as appropriate.
3. Adopt revised language to the FMP in conjunction with the FPA, as appropriate.
4. Provide guidance on next steps, as appropriate.

D.3 Motion 1 as Amended:

I move the Council:

1. Adopt as the Final Preferred Alternative (FPA) Alternative 2, identifying the following species off Oregon as not in need of conservation and management in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and should be removed from the West Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), no earlier than January 1, 2030 and only after a full-benchmark assessment for black rockfish in federal and state waters off Oregon has been conducted and adopted:



Species
Black rockfish
Blue and deacon rockfish
~~Cabezon~~
China rockfish
Copper rockfish
~~Kelp greenling~~
Quillback rockfish

2. Request NMFS work with the state of Oregon to develop Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), or something similar, for continued coordination of sampling, data collection, funding, and monitoring prior to the species being removed from the FMP.

Moved by Brad Pettinger

Seconded by Christa Svensson

Motion passes with Corey Ridings voting no

D.3 Motion 1 Amendment:

I move the Council amend this motion to remove Cabezon and Kelp greenling as shown by the strikeout below:



Species
Black rockfish
Blue and deacon rockfish
~~Cabezon~~
China rockfish
Copper rockfish
~~Kelp greenling~~
Quillback rockfish

Moved by Sharon Kiefer
Seconded by Ryan Wulff
Amendment to the Motion passes unanimously

WDFW Agenda Item D.3. Motion 1

I move the Council

1. Adopt as the Final Preferred Alternative (FPA), Alternative 3, identify the following species as not in need of conservation and management in the EEZ based on the 10-factor analysis in [Agenda Item D.3 Attachment 1, March 2026](#), and redesignate them as Ecosystem Component Species in the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan:

Species	Area(s)
Blue and deacon rockfishes	Washington
Cabazon	Washington
China rockfish	Washington
Copper rockfish	Washington
Kelp greenling	Washington

2. Request NMFS continue discussing cooperative management of the Washington recreational fishery with WDFW.

3. Adopt the draft language in Attachment 2 with changes that reflect the FPA, as appropriate.

Moved by Heather Hall
Seconded by Butch Smith
Motion passes with Corey Ridings voting no, and Sharon Kiefer abstaining

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