

G.2 Phase 2 Stock Definitions – Final Action

Council Task:

1. Adopt FPA for the 42 remaining species based on the analysis in Attachment 1, as appropriate.
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 Attachment 1 decision-making, as appropriate.
4. Provide guidance on next steps, as appropriate.

Agenda Item G.2. ODFW Motion 1

I move the Council adopt as the Final Preferred Alternative (FPA), Alternative 1, identifying the following species as in need of conservation and management in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and should remain in the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

Species	Opt. 1 1 stock	Opt. 2 2 stocks	Opt. 3 3 stocks	Proposed Stock Delineations
Black rockfish (WA)	X			WA only
Rosethorn rockfish	X			Coastwide
Quillback rockfish (WA)	X			WA only
Stripetail rockfish	X			Coastwide

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Heather Hall

Motion passes unanimously

Agenda Item G.2. ODFW Motion 2

I move the Council adopt as FPA, Alternative 2, identifying the following species as not in need of conservation and management in the EEZ, and should be removed from the Groundfish FMP

Black and yellow rockfish	China rockfish (CA only)	Harlequin rockfish	Olive rockfish
Black rockfish (CA only)	Copper rockfish (CA only)	Honeycomb rockfish	Pink rockfish
Blue rockfish (CA only)	Dwarf-red rockfish	Kelp greenling (OR & CA)	Pinkrose rockfish
Brown rockfish	Freckled rockfish	Kelp rockfish	Pygmy rockfish
Cabazon (OR & CA)	Gopher rockfish	Leopard shark	Quillback rockfish (CA only)
Calico rockfish	Grass rockfish	Light dusky rockfish	Swordspine rockfish
Chameleon rockfish	Halfbanded rockfish		Treefish

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Caroline McKnight

Motion passes, Corey Ridings voted no.

Agenda Item G.2. ODFW Motion 3

I move the Council adopt as FPA Alternative 3, identifying the below species as not in need of conservation and management in the EEZ but should remain in the FMP designated as Ecosystem Component (EC) species:

Rockfish Species	Flatfish Species
Bronzespotted rockfish	Butter sole
Flag rockfish	Curlfin sole
Greenblotched rockfish	Rock sole
Mexican rockfish	Sand sole
Rosy rockfish	Starry flounder
Speckled rockfish	
Tiger rockfish	

Guidance on Ecosystem Component Species Checkpoint for Re-evaluation

The Council requests Council staff and the Groundfish Management Team work to develop a checkpoint for mortality of ecosystem component species to prompt re-evaluation of the stock being an EC species, in time for the November 2026 meeting, when the next groundfish mortality report will be available.

Checkpoints could be based on:

- Exceeding recent mortality by a certain percentage,
- the last year of ACL or ACL contribution for a species, if available, see [Tables 11-17 in Agenda Item G.2. Attachment 1](#) for examples
- a percentage increase of mortality from one year to the next,
- Analysis similar to what was done in [E.6.a GMT Report 1 from June 2025](#)
- or other(s),

This list is not intended to be inclusive, but a starting point of ideas.

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Sharon Kiefer

Motion passes, with Corey Ridings voting no.

Amendment by Corey Ridings

Strike the highlighted Rockfish from the left column of the motion.

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Seconded by Heather Hall

Amendment to the motion fails, Corey Ridings voted yes.

Agenda Item G.2. Motion 4

I move the Council adopt language in the FMP as shown [Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 2, September 2025](#), requesting Staff make any modifications necessary to comport to the Council's FPA

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Brad Pettinger

Motion passes unanimously

Additional Information for clarity

- the species in the following table are not currently included in any of the motions, as such they will remain in the FMP at this time
- this leaves the opportunity for further discussion between the states of WA and OR, the Tribes, and NMFS overwinter
- would like to add an agenda item in March 2026 to consider further action on these species, with a possible check-in in November 2025

Species	Area(s)
Black rockfish	Oregon
Blue/deacon rockfish	State-specific, Oregon and Washington
Cabezon	Washington
China rockfish	State-specific, Oregon and Washington
Copper rockfish	Oregon/ Washington combined
Kelp greenling	Washington
Quillback rockfish	Oregon