

PRELIMINARY PREFERRED MANAGEMENT MEASURE ALTERNATIVES FOR 2019-2020 FISHERIES

The Council is tasked at this meeting to adopt final preferred harvest specifications and select preliminary preferred adjustments to routine management measures, including allocations and new management measures, for 2019-2020 groundfish fisheries. Under this agenda item, the Council is scheduled to adopt preliminary preferred alternatives for adjustments to routine management measures and new management measures for public review. Under Agenda Item F.2, the Council is scheduled to adopt final preferred harvest specifications; any remaining harvest specifications can be adopted under this agenda item if necessary.

Detailed descriptions of anticipated Council actions are described in the Action Item Checklist (Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 1). Integrated alternatives that pair the harvest specification alternatives with routine adjustments to management measures can be found in Chapter 4 of the preliminary draft Environmental Assessment (EA; Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1). The analyses of the integrated alternatives are provided in Appendix A to the EA (Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 3). The analyses of new management measures are provided in Appendix C to the EA (Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 2). Final action to decide management measures for 2019-2020 groundfish fisheries is scheduled for the June 2018 Council meeting.

In November 2017, the Council forwarded several new management measures for preliminary analysis. Council guidance in November was that the new management measure analysis was a secondary priority, to be completed after the harvest specifications and integrated alternatives analysis.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt any remaining final harvest specifications.**
- 2. Adopt preliminary preferred adjustments to routine management measures, including allocations.**
- 3. Identify new management measures to be analyzed and considered for final action at the June Council meeting. Identify preliminary preferred measures, if possible.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 1: Action Item Checklist.
2. Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 2: Draft Appendix C - New Management Measures Detailed Analysis.

Agenda Order:

F.5 Preliminary Preferred Management Measures Alternatives for 2019-2020 Fisheries

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Any Remaining Harvest Specifications and Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Management Measures in 2019-2020 Fisheries

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