

## OMNIBUS WORKLOAD PLANNING PROCESS REVIEW AND PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

As specified in sections of [Council Operating Procedure \(COP\) 9](#) covering the groundfish process, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) considers new management measures during the biennial specifications process (if they meet certain restrictive criteria) and prioritizes all potential new management measures in June of even number years. This June prioritization activity has been termed the omnibus groundfish prioritization exercise for new management measures. In 2018, prioritization was delayed to allow for an evaluation of the process.

At its November 2018 meeting, the Council updated a preliminary list of new candidate management measures for the omnibus list. Over the winter, the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) conducted a preliminary cost/benefit and workload assessment of all of the candidate measures (Agenda Item G.4.a, GMT Report 1). At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to review the GMT's assessment and identify Council priorities.

Also at this meeting, the Council will review the GMT's proposal for modifying the omnibus process (Agenda Item G.4.a, GMT Report 2). GMT Report 2 recommends changes to COP 9 that reflect revisions proposed by the GMT at the September and November 2018 Council meetings. The GMT proposed process would replace the current biennial process with an annual process as follows: in November of each year, the Council identifies a preliminary list of potential new measures; over the winter the GMT conducts a preliminary cost/benefit and workload assessment of the measures; and in March the Council sets annual priorities. The GMT recommendations also include an opportunity to check-in on progress and revise priorities during a dedicated agenda item at every meeting. The GMT will provide specific proposed changes to the language of COP 9 in a supplemental report (Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3); and another supplemental report with recommendations on priorities and potential deletions for the workload prioritization list (Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 4).

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt revisions to the COP 9 groundfish management process, as needed.**
- 2. Prioritize new management measure projects, as appropriate.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.4.a, GMT Report 1: Groundfish Management Team Report on the Groundfish Workload Prioritization List.
2. Agenda Item G.4.a, GMT Report 2: Groundfish Management Team Report on the Omnibus Process and Council Operating Procedure 9.
3. *Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3.*
4. *Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 4.*
5. Public Comment (**Electronic Only**, see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- G.4 Omnibus Workload Planning Process Review and Project Prioritization Jim Seger
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Consider Revising the Omnibus Workload Planning Process;  
Consider Prioritizing New Management Measure Projects, as Appropriate

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