

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPING THE 2021-2022 GROUND FISH HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Table 1. Proposed Council schedule for the activities associated with implementing the 2021-2022 harvest specifications and management measures. Bold font dates represent Council meeting dates.

Start Date	End Date	Task
May 6, 2019	May 10, 2019	Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel #1 (Newport, OR): Cabezon, one Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) representative attended.
June 3, 2019	June 7, 2019	STAR Panel #2 (Seattle, WA): Big Skate and Longnose Skate, one Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) representative attended.
June 20, 2019	June 25, 2019	The Council meets and adopts: A final process and schedule for developing groundfish harvest specifications and management measures for 2021-2022. Initial discussion and guidance on new management measures considered for 2021 and beyond.
July 8, 2019	July 12, 2019	STAR Panel #3 (Seattle, WA): Sablefish, one Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) representative will attend.
July 22, 2019	July 26, 2019	STAR Panel #4 (Santa Cruz, CA): Cowcod and Gopher/Black-and-Yellow Rockfish. One GMT and GAP representative will attend.

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August 20, 2019	August 21, 2019 ^{Sc}	<p>Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Groundfish Subcommittee meets to reach recommendations or comment on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eight full assessments and one data-poor assessment¹, as recommended by the STAR panels. 2. Two update assessments (Petrale Sole and Widow Rockfish). 3. Overfishing limits (OFLs), where possible. 4. Stock categories (i.e., categories 1, 2, and 3).
September 11, 2019	September 18, 2019	<p>The Council meets and adopts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stock assessments endorsed by the SSC.² 2. Final preferred alternatives (FPAs) for OFLs recommended by the SSC, where possible. 3. Alternatives for stocks where there is a desire to explore a departure from default harvest control rules: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Determine a range of P* values and acceptable biological catches (ABCs), including preliminary preferred alternatives (PPA) for P* values and ABCs. b. A range of ACLs, including PPA ACLs. 4. Preliminary range of new management measures.³
September 30, 2019	October 4, 2019	<p>The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee may meet to review any rebuilding analyses prepared for overfished species, any stock assessments approved for further review, and any new impact projection models recommended by the GMT at a “mop-up” panel (Seattle, WA). One GMT and GAP representative to attend.</p>
October, 2019 TBD	October, 2019 TBD	<p>GMT meets for a week to review new stock assessments and rebuilding analyses. GMT drafts a recommended range of ACLs and preliminary management measures for consideration at the November Council meeting for 2021 and 2022.</p>

¹ Full assessments include two CA cabezon, 1 OR cabezon, big skate, longnose skate, sablefish, cowcod, and gopher/black-and-yellow rockfish; the data-poor assessment is for WA cabezon.

² Council action could be postponed from September to November for any stock assessments recommended for further review by the SSC (i.e., those assessments the Council authorizes to be sent to the September 30 to October 4 “mop-up” panel).

³ New management measures are those management measures that have not been analyzed or implemented in a previous cycle.

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October 1, 2019	November 15, 2019	Coastal treaty tribes initiate allocations and/or regulations specific to the tribes by written request to the Council and NOAA's Regional Administrator before the November Council meeting for 2021 and 2022.
November 14, 2019	November 15, 2019	SSC meets to reach recommendations on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any rebuilding analyses. 2. Any stock assessments approved for further review, and new impact projection models from the September 30 to October 4 SSC Groundfish Subcommittee meeting. 3. Any remaining OFLs, stock categories, and sigmas not adopted at the September Council meeting.
November 15, 2019	November 20, 2019	The Council meets and adopts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any rebuilding analyses prepared for overfished species, stock assessments approved for further review, and new impact projection models recommended by the SSC. 2. Any remaining OFLs, stock categories, and sigmas endorsed by the SSC and not adopted at the September Council meeting. 3. FPA for P* values where there are no alternative HCRs decided for analysis. 4. FPA for ABCs where there are no alternative HCRs decided for analysis. 5. A range of ACLs and PPA ACLs if possible. 6. A tentative range of two-year allocation alternatives.⁴ 7. Final range of new management measures for detailed analysis necessary to keep catch within or attain a specification or to address a habitat or protected resources concern. 8. Preliminary selection of exempted fishing permits for 2021-2022.

⁴ Allocations to be reviewed for tentative adoption include both the trawl and non-trawl allocations as well as the within non-trawl sector apportionments and accountability measures (e.g., recreational harvest guidelines). Specifically, this includes two-year allocation alternatives for species not allocated under Amendment 21 (e.g., bocaccio, canary, cowcod, yelloweye and some non-overfished species).

Start Date	End Date	Task
November 20, 2019	February 4, 2020 ⁵	The Council staff, National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS), GMT, and subject matter experts prepare the requisite analytical documents. NMFS conducts National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping and makes a preliminary determination regarding the type of NEPA analysis necessary for the proposed action. NMFS and Council staff prepare a schedule for regulation deeming and fishery management plan (FMP) transmittal, if necessary.
November 20, 2019	April 3, 2020	Opportunity for state and tribal agencies to hold constituent meetings to obtain input on final harvest specifications and preliminary management measures in preparation for the April meeting.
January, 2020 TBD	January, 2020 TBD	GMT meets for a week to review and analyze Council actions related to harvest specifications and management measures provided in 2019 for 2021 and 2022.
March 3, 2020	March 9, 2020	At the March Council meeting, the Council and advisory bodies will receive an informational briefing on selected results and provide guidance or take action on emerging issues, as necessary. NMFS will also update the Council on the results of the NEPA scoping and provide a schedule for regulation deeming and FMP transmittal, as necessary.
	March 17, 2020 ⁶	Analytical documents submitted for the April meeting advance briefing book for Council, advisory body, and public review.
April 3, 2020	April 10, 2020	The Council meets and adopts: 1. FPA for ACLs. 2. PPA for management measures from the range adopted at the November Council meeting. ⁷ 3. PPA for two-year allocations.

⁵ Estimated public comment deadline for the March 2020 Council meeting.

⁶ Estimated public comment deadline for the April 2020 Council meeting.

⁷ Additional management measures that require limited analysis could be added, if necessary; however, the January 1, 2021 fishery start date may be compromised.

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April 10, 2020	May 15, 2020 ⁸	<p>Council staff, NMFS, GMT, and subject matter experts validate and refine analysis, consequent to the April Council meeting actions, as necessary.</p> <p>Council staff will provide the Council with a substantially complete document with supporting analysis that facilitates the Council's selection of their FPA. The document would cover, at a minimum, FPAs for ACLs, PPAs for management measures, and PPAs for 2 year allocations.</p>
June 13, 2020	June 18, 2020	<p>The Council meets and adopts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Corrections to the FPA for harvest specifications, if needed. 2. Final exempted fishing permits for 2021-2022. 3. FPA for allocations. 4. FPA for management measures.
June 18, 2020	July 15, 2020 ⁹	<p>Council staff, NMFS staff, and the GMT meet to finalize analysis of the Council's FPA, if necessary.</p> <p>Council staff transmits final analytical documents for Secretarial review by NMFS.</p>

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⁸ Estimated public comment deadline for the June 2020 Council meeting.

⁹ July 15 is an estimated deadline for the completed NEPA document. NMFS may determine an alternative deadline to better synchronize rulemaking and any MSA process associated with adoption of a potential FMP amendment.