

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON WORKLOAD & NEW MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council, advisory bodies, and the public an update on ongoing and scheduled groundfish projects. Table 1 is a matrix to help the Council understand the progress of ongoing and scheduled projects that the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) is, or will be working on. The shaded blocks represent the GMT's anticipated timeline for direct involvement with the issue (e.g., through the Council's final action), noting that some GMT members may have additional workload to assist National Marine Fisheries Service and Council staff in developing the final regulatory documents. Table 2 is the most recent groundfish workload prioritization lists and shows management measures that the Council has already prioritized including two items that the Council prioritized in June (i.e., increasing cowcod annual vessel limits, revisiting the shortbelly rockfish annual catch limit). Table 3 lists all other potential groundfish management measures, including two items that the Council recommended be added to the list at the June 2019 meeting (i.e., increasing the salmon troll vessel monitoring system ping rate, conversion rates for dressed landings, including petrale sole) .

Supplemental H.2.a, GMT Report 2 will include additional information on the salmon troll vessel monitoring system ping rate item, conversion factor for dressed landings of petrale sole, and any other new items that may come up after the advanced briefing book deadline.

Table 2. Groundfish management measure items prioritized by Council. (re-ordered and numbered based on when item has been scheduled).

Item #	Sector	Short Title	Category	Analytical Workload (H, M, L)	Primary Analysts	Progress to Date	Prioritized	Scheduled on YAG
1	Trawl IFQ	Cowcod: Increases to Individual Vessel Limits	Catch Accounting	M	Mel/Caroline	work beginning	Yes	Sept 2019
A2	All	Shortbelly Rockfish	Catch Accounting	M	Patrick/ Mel/ NMFS staff	work beginning	Yes	Sept 2019
A3	Trawl, Non-Trawl	Non-Trawl RCA Modifications	Area Management	H	Patrick/ Mel/TBD	None	Yes	March 2020
A4	MS	Mothership Sector Utilization	Accumulation Limits	M/H	Patrick/ TBD NMFS/ Council staff	None	Yes	April 2020
A5	Trawl, Non-Trawl	Trawl/Non-Trawl Amendment 21 Allocations	Allocation	M/H	Depends on species chosen	Intersector Allocation Review completed in June 2017	Yes	June 2020
A6	Fixed Gear	Moving Emley/Platt EFP into Regulations	Gear	M	Mel/ Caroline	Ongoing EFP	Yes	June 2020

Table 3. All unprioritized groundfish management measure items.

Item #	Sector	Short Title	Category	Analytical Workload (H, M, L)	Primary Analysts	Progress to Date	Prioritized	Scheduled on YAG
B1	Trawl, Non-Trawl	Clarify Catch Accounting Rules for Amendment 21	Catch Accounting	L	Council/ NMFS staff	None	No	No
B2	Trawl IFQ	Removal of Selective Flatfish Trawl (SFFT) requirement between 40° 10' and 42° N. lat.	Gear	Unknown	NMFS	Ongoing EFP (Year 2 of 3 needed per Salmon ITS)	No	No
B3	LE FG	LEFG Permit Price Reporting	Permitting	L (if any)	NWFSC	None	No	No
B4	Trawl, Non-Trawl, Rec	Create 60-Mile Bank RCA Lines	Area Management	M	CDFW staff	None	No	No
B5	Trawl, Non-Trawl	New Dressed to Round Conversion Factors for Sablefish	Catch Accounting	L	Patrick/ TBD	Preliminary discussions held at PacFIN meeting	No	No
B6	Trawl IFQ	Remove Certain Time and Area-Management Restrictions for Midwater Trawl Gear Targeting Nonwhiting	Area Management	H	NMFS staff/ Patrick/ TBD	Ongoing EFP (Year 2 of 3 needed per Salmon ITS)	No	No
B7	Trawl IFQ	Carryover when Management Units Change	Catch Accounting	M	NMFS/ Council staff	None	No	No

Table 3 cont'd. All unprioritized groundfish management measure items.

Item #	Sector	Short Title	Category	Analytical Workload (H, M, L)	Primary Analysts	Progress to Date	Prioritized	Scheduled on YAG
B8	Rec	Discard Mortality Rates for the Recreational Fisheries	Catch Accounting	M	Heather, Lynn, Caroline, Patrick	Research ongoing	No	No
B9	IFQ	Gear Switching and Trawl Sablefish Area Management	Allocation	Very H	NMFS/ Council staff/ Patrick/ Mel/ TBD	Ongoing	No	No
B10	IFQ	Increasing IFQ Carryover from 10 Percent	Harvest Specifications	No change from current	TBD	None	No	No
B11	IFQ	Aggregate Non-whiting QS Control Limits and Individual Species Weighting	Accumulation Limits	M	NWFSC / Council Staff	Pending research	No	No
B12	All	Sablefish Harvest Specification Change- Managing with ACTs	Allocation	L	Patrick/TBD/ NMFS/Council staff	Preliminary scoping	No	No
B13	Rec	Permitting Commercial Sale of Recreational Fish Waste	Permitting	None	NMFS/EC staff	None	No	No
B14	Trawl IFQ	Petrals; Guttled/ Head-on conversion factor	Catch Accounting	L	Patrick/ Mel/ NMFS staff	None	No	No
B15	OA FG	Salmon VMS Ping Rate	Enforcement	L	NMFS/ EC Staff	Preliminary scoping	No	No