

9.0 RESTRICTIONS ON OTHER FISHERIES
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For each non-groundfish fishery considered, a reasonable limit on the incidental groundfish catch may be established that is based on the best available information (from EFPs, logbooks, observer data, or other scientifically acceptable sources). These limits will remain unchanged unless substantial changes are observed in the condition of the groundfish resource or in the effort or catch rate in the groundfish or non-groundfish fishery.

Incidental limits or species categories may be imposed or adjusted in accordance with the appropriate procedures described in Chapter 6. The Secretary may accept or reject but not substantially modify the Council's recommendations. The trip limits for the pink shrimp and spot and ridgeback prawn fisheries in effect when Amendment 4 is implemented will be maintained until modified based on the above criteria through the management adjustment framework.

The objectives of this framework are to:

- ° Minimize discards in the non-groundfish fishery by allowing retention and sale, thereby increasing fishing income;
- ° Discourage targeting on groundfish by the non-groundfish fleet; and,
- ° Reduce the administrative burden of reviewing and issuing EFPs for the sole purpose of enabling non-groundfish fisheries to retain groundfish.