



D3 Groundfish Management Policy

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Action Memo

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Action Required:

1. Review the Programmatic Groundfish Management Policy
2. Review Council actions relative to the Policy
3. Consider whether modifications to the Management Objectives are called for (noting that any change requires an FMP amendment)
4. Consider whether additional Council actions to better fulfill the Management Policy are required

BACKGROUND

The Council's Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish FMPs each include a management policy that consists of a management approach statement, nine policy goals, and 45 management objectives. Under the FMPs, the Council has a requirement to review the management policy periodically. The Council last conducted such a review at the February 2019 Council Meeting. The document attached to the eAgenda provides a triennial review of the management policy and Council actions that relate to the management objectives that have occurred over the past three years.