



Groundfish Programmatic Workplan

At its [February 2019 meeting](#), the Council conducted a comprehensive review of its [Programmatic Groundfish Management Policy](#) (Policy), highlighting Council activities in calendar year 2018 that continue to fulfill the Priorities and Objectives established in the Policy. As determined by the Council in February 2019, comprehensive review of the Policy is conducted on a three-year cycle in order to accommodate the multi-year lifespan of major Council actions. The next 3-year comprehensive review will be conducted at the Council’s February 2022 meeting.

Annual Policy review is distinguished from comprehensive review, and is a requirement under the GOA and BSAI Groundfish FMPs. The Programmatic Workplan facilitates annual review through its tracking and presentation of Council actions relative to Policy Objectives and through ongoing updates and availability at each Council meeting.

Provided in tabular form below is a two-meeting snapshot of the Programmatic Workplan for 2019, listing only Council actions related to the Groundfish FMPs for the current and previous Council meetings. Groundfish Management Objectives were intended to support decision-making under the Groundfish FMPs, and although the Policy’s EBFM approach is reflected in actions outside of the Groundfish FMPs, those other actions are not included in this table. This and prior versions of the two-meeting table are available on the Council website: (www.npfmc.org).

2019		Council Actions	
General Priority	Management Objective	February	April
1. Prevent Overfishing	5. Continue to improve the management of species through species categories.		Sculpins to ecosystem component category
2. Promote Sustainable Fisheries and Communities	9. Promote increased safety at sea.	USCG Report	USCG Report NIOSH Report
4. Manage Incidental Catch and Reduce Bycatch and Waste	14. Continue and improve current incidental catch and bycatch management program.	Fixed gear CV rockfish retention Halibut ABM	Fixed gear CV rockfish retention – Final Action Halibut ABM Sablefish discarding
	20. Control the bycatch of prohibited species through prohibited species catch limits or other appropriate measures.		
	21. Reduce waste to biologically and socially acceptable levels.		
5. Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Seabirds and Marine Mammals	24. Encourage programs to review status of endangered or threatened marine mammal stocks and fishing interactions and develop fishery management measures as appropriate.	Protected species report	Protected species report

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7. Promote Equitable and Efficient Use of Fishery Resources	31. Provide economic and community stability to harvesting and processing sectors through fair allocation of fishery resources.	Halibut ABM	Halibut ABM
	32. Maintain the license limitation program, modified as necessary, and further decrease excess fishing capacity and overcapitalization by eliminating latent licenses and extending programs such as community or rights-based management to some or all groundfish fisheries.	BSAI Pacific cod trawl CV analysis	BSAI Trawl CV Pacific cod mothership adjustments
	33. Provide for adaptive management by periodically evaluating the effectiveness of rationalization programs and the allocation of access rights based on performance.		Cooperative Reports (AFA, A80, CGOA Rockfish) IFQ eligibility criteria
	34. Develop management measures that, when practicable, consider the efficient use of fishery resources taking into account the interest of harvesters, processors, and communities.		IFQ Committee report Sablefish discarding
9. Improve Data Quality, Monitoring and Enforcement	39. Develop funding mechanisms that achieve equitable costs to the industry for implementation of the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program.		Observer Program Fees
	40. Improve community and regional economic impact costs and benefits through increased data reporting requirements.		Economic Data Reports Economic SAFE Reports
	45. Continue to cooperate and coordinate management and enforcement programs with the Alaska Board of Fish, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska Fish and Wildlife Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement, International Pacific Halibut Commission, Federal agencies, and other organizations to meet conservation requirements; promote economically healthy and sustainable fisheries and fishing communities; and maximize efficiencies in management and enforcement programs through continued consultation, coordination, and cooperation.	ADF&G Report IPHC Report NMFS Management Report State Dept Report USCG Report	ADF&G Report NIOSH Report NMFS Management Report NOAA GC Report USCG Report USFWS Report USN Report