

D4 Blackspotted/ Rougheye Rockfish Accountability Measures
Council MOTION
June 9, 2025

In addition to items 1-5 of the Council's December 2024 [motion](#), the Council is revising item 6 from that motion in order to clarify and streamline which accountability measures (AMs) the discussion paper should focus on for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) blackspotted and rougheye rockfish complex:

6. Evaluate potential AMs that may be effective for this stock complex including:
 - a. Reducing Total Allowable Catch (TAC) in the Pacific ocean perch directed fishery; and
 - b. Modifying inseason management authority to allow NMFS the flexibility to close areas or directed fisheries where blackspotted and rougheye are caught when the annual catch limit (ACL) is reached, similar to the authority NMFS has when an overfishing limit is reached.

The discussion paper's evaluation of AMs should consider their effectiveness in preventing catch of blackspotted and rougheye rockfish from exceeding the ACL. This discussion paper should be ready for the Council to reference for the setting of TAC in the 2026/2027 groundfish harvest specification process as it currently is.