North Pacific Fishery Management Council's

Groundfish Management Policy Objectives



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Management Policy

- Comprehensive review of groundfish management program (PSEIS)
- Approach statement + 45 objectives
 - organized around 9 ecosystem component 'goal statements'
- Workplan developed June 2004
- Annual review of objectives and workplan

Implementation of Policy

- Objectives fall in one of 4 categories
 - actions already established
 - actions under consideration
 - actions not yet initiated/on hold
 - apply to all management decisions

Prevent Overfishing

(5 objectives)

F₄₀ review recommendations



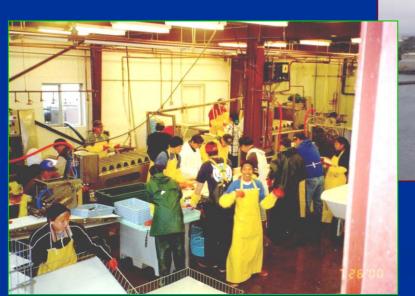
Mechanisms for target vs non-target species management



Promote Sustainable Fisheries and Communities

(4 objectives)

 (principles by which to make decisions: fairness, stability, safety, NS1)





Preserve Food Web

(4 objectives)

- Indices for ecosystem health
- Account for uncertainty and ecosystem considerations in ABCs



Manage Incidental Catch and Reduce Bycatch and Waste

(8 objectives)

Research on non-target species population estimates

Incentive programs and techniques

to reduce bycatch



Avoid Impacts to Seabirds and Marine Mammals

(4 objectives)

Review marine mammal and fishery interactions



Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Habitat

(5 objectives)

 Review efficacy of existing habitat protection measures



- Research on baseline habitat mapping
- Policy, goals, criteria for MPAs and implement as appropriate



Promote Equitable and Efficient Use of Fishery Resources

(4 objectives)

 Initiate rights-based management programs and periodically evaluate their efficacy





Increase Alaska Native Consultation

(3 objectives)

- Local and traditional knowledge
- Participation and consultation



Improve Data Quality, Monitoring, and Enforcement

(8 objectives)

- Encourage development of an ecosystem monitoring program
- Enhance utility of observer data
- Increase economic data reporting requirements
- Improve technology for monitoring/enforcement



Council Workplan

General Priority (in no particular order of		Specific priority actions	Related to management	Status	2006				2007			
importance)			objective:	(updated 12-13-05)	Feb	Apr	Jun	Oct De	c Feb	Apr	Jun	Oct Dec
Protection of Habitat	a.	complete EFH action as scheduled	27	Amendment approved by Council								
	b.	recommend to NOAA Fisheries increased mapping of benthic environment	29									
	C.	develop and adopt definitions of MPAs, marine reserves, etc.	30	discussion paper presented in Feb 05								
	d.	review all existing closures to see if these areas qualify for MPAs under established criteria	30	discussion paper presented in Feb 05								
	e.	evaluate effectiveness of existing closures	26	discussion paper presented in Feb 05								
Bycatch Reduction	a.	complete rationalization of GOA fisheries	17 (32)	rockfish demonstration program approved; analysis ongoing for broader rationalization								
	b.	complete rationalization of BSAI non-pollock fisheries	17 (32)	partially addressed through IRIU Amd 80 (final action Feb 06); also Pacific cod sector allocations (initial review Feb 06)								
	C.	explore incentive-based bycatch reduction programs	15	partially addressed through GOA rationalization and BSAI salmon vessel bycatch accountability analysis	_							
	d.	explore mortality rate-based approach to setting PSC limits	20									
	e.	consider new management strategies to reduce incidental rockfish bycatch and discards	17	review ranking system for species of concern								
Protection of Steller Sea Lions	a.	continue to participate in development of mitigation measures to protect SSL including development of an EIS and participation in the ESA jeopardy consultation process	23	intention to consider revisions to SSL management measures in 2006-07								
	b.	recommend to NOAA Fisheries and participate in reconsideration of SSL critical habitat	23	NMFS requested to re-initiate FMP-level Section 7 consultation on DoC species	_		H	+	H			
Prevent Overfishing	a.	continue to participate in the development of "lumping and splitting" criteria	5	GOA 'other species' amd approved; 'other species' breakout analysis initiated	-			-				
	b.	consider new harvest strategies for rockfish	4	report on MSE of rockfish harvest strategy in Apr 06								
	100777	set TAC at or < ABC	1	Amendment approved by Council								
Ecosystem	a.	revisit calculation of OY caps	11, 4	research paper presented to SSC in Feb 05								
Management	b.	recommend to NOAA Fisheries and participate in the development and implementation of ecosystem indicators as part of stock assessment process	10	development ongoing; ecosystem SAFE to be presented each year; PICES workshops to develop indicators for the BS (Jan-Feb 06)	_			_			•	
Improve Data Quality and Management	a.	expand or modify observer coverage and sampling methods based on scientific data and compliance needs	38, 39	initial review scheduled for Feb 06								
	b.	develop programs for economic data collection that aggregate data	40	partially addressed through GOA rationalization								
	C.	modify VMS to incorporate new technology and system providers	41	global VMS analysis initial review in Apr 05							1.0	

