

2017 Council Priorities: Groundfish

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Priorities for 2017

Annual

- Set ABCs/ACLs for all stocks, and adjust rebuilding plans as required to include common pool trimester quota changes.
- Process for review of groundfish catch in other fisheries; to include state water and other subcomponent analysis review, identifying those stocks and segments of the fishery where sub-component catch exceeds 5 percent and determine if additional sub-ACLs are needed.
- Revise Atlantic halibut management measures.
- Operational assessment of all stocks.
- Investigate reclassification of both windowpane flounder stocks as Ecosystem Component Species, or other approaches that will improve flexibility.
- Improve recreational management measure process for GOM cod and GOM haddock, and include changes in 2017 framework adjustment.
- Staff: TMGC/TRAC.

Multi-Year

- Monitoring amendment (to include measures not addressed in FW 55; possibly to include EM).
- Staff: Cod Stock Structure Workshop.

