

# Council's 2020 Priorities

## Groundfish

## *Council Staff*

**Recreational Advisory Panel**  
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## 2020 Priorities - Annual

- Set ABCs/ACLs for half of groundfish stocks for FY2021-2023 and US/CA stocks for FY 2021; address commercial/recreational allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data ; investigate ways to increase GB haddock utilization, including modification of gear requirements
- Address SDC issue when analytic assessments fail
- Get input on different ways to manage recreational fishery in light of highly variable catch estimates: for example, consideration of catch error estimates under MRIP, and errors in bioeconomic model used to determine measures
- Develop a simple strawman to consider a limited entry program in the Party/Charter fleet.
- Action to adopt electronic reporting for party/charter vessels
- Complete sector five-year review
- Groundfish operational assessments
- TRAC/TMGC
  
- SSC - Work with contractor, Groundfish PDT and Committee to develop ABC control rule alternatives for stocks with analytic assessments

## 2020 Priorities - Multi-Year

- Complete Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring action
- Cod Stock Structure Working Group: review results and develop management approach