

Potential Council Priorities: Groundfish 2016

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Groundfish Committee Discussion

- 1) What are the Committee's recommendations to the Committee for 2016 priorities?
- 2) Rank the annual and multi-year list of draft 2016 priorities.



List of Potential Priorities

Development of List for 2016

- The list is the draft priorities for 2016, presented by the Executive Director at the Council meeting in September 2015.
- Many items on the list were priorities at the start of 2015, but were removed from the list mid-year to address ASM concerns.
- A few items were added at the September 2015 Council meeting.

GAP and RAP Discussion

- Both APs discussed their recommendations for 2016 priorities at their November 2015 meetings.
- See meeting motions included in the meeting materials for specific details.



Annual- Potential Priorities for 2016

- Set specifications for US/CA stocks for 2017*
- Recreational management measures process
- ASM framework
- Windowpane flounder management alternatives
- Adjust exemption areas as necessary due to OHA2 changes (GenCat sea scallop, whiting, etc.; may be better addressed by other Committees)
- Recreational management measures and possible sub-ACL for GB cod
- Modifications to common pool regulations: trimester quota changes, HA exemptions from broad stock area provisions
- Staff: Work with ASMFC Lobster TC on groundfish bycatch in lobster traps
- Staff: Five Year Sector Review
- Staff: TMGC/TRAC

*Regulatory requirement



Multi-Year- Potential Priorities

- Develop alternative strategies for setting catch advice for stability in ACLs
- Process for review of groundfish catch in other fisheries
- Develop limited access program for the party/charter fishery
- Staff: Cod Stock Structure Working Group

