

DRAFT Revised Groundfish Workplan

- 1. Prevent Overfishing**
 - a. continue to develop management strategies that ensure sustainable yields of target species and minimize impacts on populations of incidentally-caught species
 - b. evaluate effectiveness of setting ABC levels using Tier 5 and 6 approaches

- 2. Preserve Food Web**
 - a. encourage and participate in development of key ecosystem indicators
 - b. reconcile procedures to account for uncertainty and ecosystem considerations in establishing harvest limits
 - c. develop pilot Fishery Ecosystem Plan

- 3. Manage Incidental Catch and Reduce Bycatch and Waste**
 - a. explore incentive-based bycatch reduction programs in GOA fisheries
 - b. explore mortality rate-based approaches to setting PSC limits in GOA fisheries
 - c. develop statistically rigorous approaches to estimating bycatch in line with national initiatives
 - d. encourage research programs to evaluate population estimates for non-target species
 - e. develop appropriate biomass-based trigger limits and area closures for BSAI salmon bycatch reduction, as information becomes available

- 4. Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Seabirds and Marine Mammals**
 - a. continue to participate in development of mitigation measures to protect SSLs including participation in the FMP-level consultation under the ESA
 - b. monitor fur seal status and management issues, and convene committee as appropriate

- 5. Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Habitat**
 - a. evaluate effectiveness of existing closures
 - b. consider Bering Sea EFH mitigation measures
 - c. call for HAPC proposals on 3-year cycle
 - d. request NMFS to develop and implement a research design on the effects of trawling in previously untrawled areas

- 6. Promote Equitable and Efficient Use of Fishery Resources**
 - a. eliminate latent licenses in BSAI and GOA
 - b. consider sector allocations in GOA fisheries

- 7. Increase Alaska Native and Community Consultation**
 - a. Develop a protocol or strategy for improving the Alaska Native and community consultation process
 - b. Develop a method for systematic documentation of Alaska Native and community participation in the development of management actions

- 8. Improve Data Quality, Monitoring, and Enforcement**
 - a. expand or modify observer coverage and sampling methods based on scientific data and compliance needs
 - b. develop programs for economic data collection that aggregate data
 - c. modify VMS to incorporate new technology and system providers