

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
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- FOCUS**

Prevent Overfishing

(5 objectives)

- F_{40} 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)

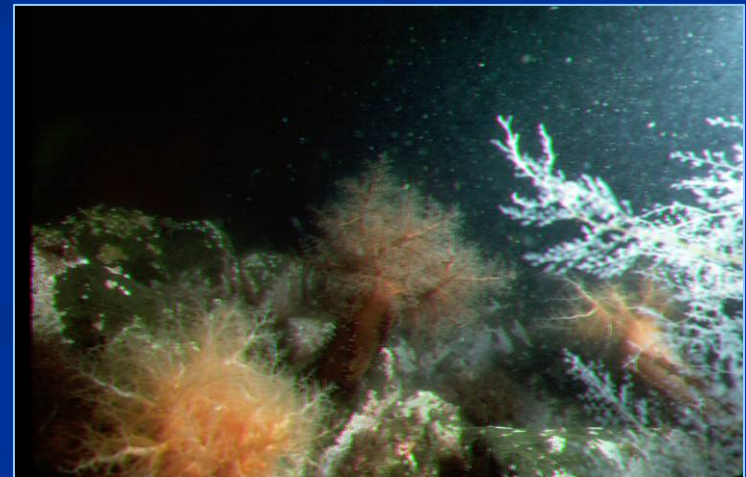
- Review marine mammal and fishery interactions



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)

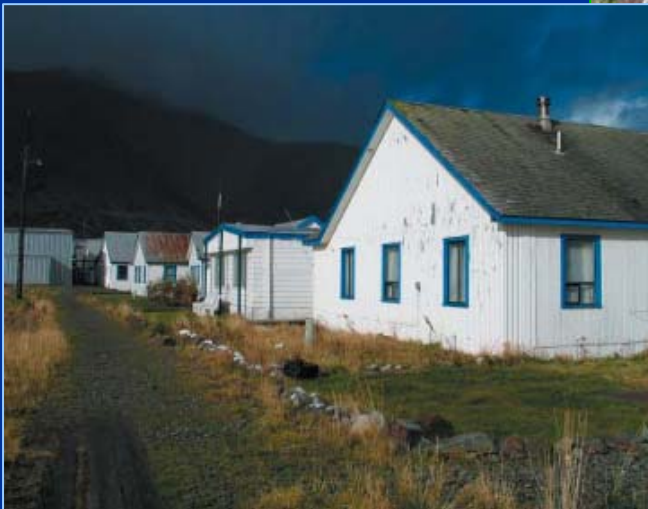
- Initiate rights-based management programs and periodically evaluate their efficacy



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



