

General Priority	Management Objectives	Recent, Current, Ongoing, Pending Activity	2016					2017					E1 Groundfish Work Plan Cumulative Management Actions/Outcomes 2016			
			Feb	Apr	Jun	Oct	Dec	Feb	Apr	Jun	Oct	Dec				
9. Improve Data Quality, Monitoring and Enforcement	38. Increase the utility of groundfish fishery observer data for the conservation and management of living marine resources.	2008/2010 - Restructuring adopted/approved 2013 - EM Strategic Plan approved 2015 - Reg Amendments for coverage categories 2016 - Observer coverage on BSAI trawl CVs														
		2015 - EM Analysis				■	■									
		Observer tendering (on hold)														
		Ongoing – Halibut Management Framework														
		Ongoing - Annual Program Review and Deployment Plan				■	■					■	■			
	39. Develop funding mechanisms that achieve equitable costs to the industry for implementation of the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program.	2008/2010 - Restructuring adopted/approved 2013 - EM Strategic Plan approved 2015 - Reg Amendments for coverage categories														
		2015 - EM Analysis				■	■									
		Observer coverage on BSAI trawl CVs (on hold)														
		Ongoing - Annual Program Review and Deployment Plan				■	■					■	■			
	40. Improve community and regional economic impact costs and benefits through increased data reporting requirements.	2008 - Partially addressed in AM 80 2009 - Partially addressed in BS Chinook bycatch EIS Ongoing - EDRs, EDR requirement in GOA														
		2014 - Advanced features integrated in enforcement precepts Pending - Discussion paper on VMS/EM for vessels without VMS														
	41. Increase the quality of monitoring and enforcement data through improved technology.	Ongoing – Research priorities				■							■			
		Ongoing - Ecosystem SAFE											■		■	
	42. Encourage a coordinated, long-term ecosystem monitoring program to collect baseline information and compile existing information from a variety of ongoing research initiatives, subject to funding and staff availability.	Ongoing – Research priorities				■							■			
	43. Cooperate with research institutions such as the North Pacific Research Board in identifying research needs to address pressing fishery issues.	Ongoing – Research priorities				■							■			
44. Promote enhanced enforceability.	2015 Sablefish pot allowance Ongoing – Development of EM options Ongoing – Enforcement precepts, Enforcement committee activitie															
	Ongoing - The Council maintains long history of cooperative management with all involved agencies and entities. The Council recognizes and works to achieve the shared goals of its many partners in stewardship of Alaska's fisheries and its supporting ecosystems. Besides those partners listed in Objective 45, the Council maintains effective working relationships with the North Pacific Fishery Commission, Arctic Council, Bering Sea Fishery Advisory Body, Bering Sea Elders, among others.															
45. Continue to cooperate and coordinate management and enforcement programs with the Alaska Board of Fish, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska Fish and Wildlife Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement, International Pacific Halibut Commission, Federal agencies, and other organizations to meet conservation requirements; promote economically healthy and sustainable fisheries and fishing communities; and maximize efficiencies in management and enforcement programs through continued consultation, coordination, and cooperation.	Ongoing - Halibut Management Framework															

FMP amendments related to this goal statement

112/102	BSAI/GOA	2016	● Change observer coverage category exemptions for small catcher processors
86/76	BSAI/GOA	2012	● Observer program restructuring
73/77	BSAI/GOA	2008	● Remove dark rockfish from FMP, allow management by State of Alaska

Regulatory amendments related to this goal statement

- Electronic reporting, online accounting
- Changes to VMS requirements (required for sablefish in BS, no longer required for dinglebar lingcod in GOA)
- Repeal of vessel incentive program
- Changes to observer program to provide flexibility in deployment and improve operational efficiency
- Bering Sea Chinook salmon bycatch economic data collection
- GOA trawl economic data collection

Other management actions related to this goal statement

- Annual refinement of observer data through the deployment plan
- Ongoing work to improve Catch Accounting System
- Discussion paper on VMS use and requirements
- Electronic monitoring is being developed as a tool for catch monitoring. Pre-implementation program approved for 2016.
- Council encourages research through annual research priorities, cooperates with North Pacific Research Board
- Council initiated and participates in Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum, as well as maintaining other relationships with partner entities