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Prevent Overfishing	a.	continue to develop management strategies that ensure sustainable yields of target species and minimize impacts on populations of incidentally-caught species	**5**	'other species' breakout analysis for BSAI and GOA initiated												
	b.	evaluate effectiveness of setting ABC levels using Tier 5 and 6 approaches, for rockfish and other species	**4**	AFSC responding to CIE review of rockfish harvest strategy												
	c.	continue to develop a systematic approach to lumping and splitting that takes into account both biological and management considerations	**5**	on hold pending National Standard 1 guideline revisions												
Preserve Food Web	a.	encourage and participate in development of key ecosystem indicators	**10**	FEP frameworked AI indicators; ecosystem SAFE presented annually												
	b.	Reconcile procedures to account for uncertainty and ecosystem considerations in establishing harvest limits, for rockfish and other species	**11**	on hold pending National Standard 1 guideline revisions												
	c.	develop pilot Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the AI	**13**	**Adopted as living document Jun 07**, update as appropriate												
Manage Incidental Catch and Reduce Bycatch and Waste	a.	explore incentive-based bycatch reduction programs in GOA and BSAI fisheries	**15**	partially addressed by BSAI salmon bycatch analysis												
	b.	explore mortality rate-based approaches to setting PSC limits in GOA and BSAI fisheries	**20**													
	c.	consider new management strategies to reduce incidental rockfish bycatch and discards	**17**													
	d.	develop statistically rigorous approaches to estimating bycatch in line with national initiatives	**14, 19**	National Bycatch Report update in Oct 07												
	e.	encourage research programs to evaluate population estimates for non-target species	**16**	**adopted as part of Council research priorities June 2007**												
	f.	develop incentive-based and appropriate biomass-based trigger limits and area closures for BSAI salmon bycatch reduction, as information becomes available	**14, 15, 20**	develop alternatives for regulatory closure areas for Oct 07												
	g.	assess impact of management measures on regulatory discards and consider measures to reduce where practicable	**17**	partially addressed by GOA arrowtooth MRA analysis												

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Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Seabirds and Marine Mammals	a.	continue to participate in development of mitigation measures to protect SSL through the MSA process including participation in the FMP-level consultation under the ESA	**23**	SSL committee recommendations on proposals for revised mitigation measures (Oct 07); NMFS is preparing a Biological Opinion												
	b.	recommend to NOAA Fisheries and participate in reconsideration of SSL critical habitat	**23**													
	c.	monitor fur seal status and management issues, and convene committee as appropriate	**24, 25**													
	d.	adaptively manage seabird avoidance measures program	**22**	review seabird avoidance measures in 4E												
Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Habitat	a.	evaluate effectiveness of existing closures	**26**	partially addressed by salmon bycatch analysis												
	b.	consider Bering Sea EFH mitigation measures	**27**	**Approved in Jun 07**												
	c.	consider call for HAPC proposals on 3-year cycle	**27**													
	d.	request NMFS to develop and implement a research design on the effects of trawling in previously untrawled areas	**27**	**adopted as part of Council research priorities June 2007**												
Promote Equitable and Efficient Use of Fishery Resources	a.	explore eliminating latent licenses in BSAI and GOA	**32**	initial review LLP recency Oct 07, initial review GOA latent licenses Dec 07												
	b.	consider sector allocations in GOA fisheries	**32, 34**	Initial review GOA sector allocations Oct 07												
Increase Alaska Native and Community Consultation	a.	Develop a protocol or strategy for improving the Alaska Native and community consultation process	**37**													
	b.	Develop a method for systematic documentation of Alaska Native and community participation in the development of management actions	**37**													
Improve Data Quality, Monitoring and Enforcement	a.	expand or modify observer coverage and sampling methods based on scientific data and compliance	**38, 39**	initial review in Dec 07												
	b.	explore development programs for economic data collection that aggregate data	**40**	SSC review of socioeconomic data collection workgroup report Oct 07; partially addressed in BSAI Amd 80												
	c.	modify VMS to incorporate new technology and system providers	**41**													