

**Council motion on D-1(d) Grenadiers  
June 10, 2012**

Council initiates an EA/RIR/IRFA and approves the following problem statement and four alternatives provided in the discussion paper for analysis:

Purpose and need:

Grenadiers are not included in the BSAI or GOA groundfish FMPs. There are no limits on their catch or retention, no reporting requirements, and no official record of their catch. However, grenadiers are taken in relatively large amounts as bycatch, especially in longline fisheries; no other Alaskan groundfish has such high catches and is not included in the FMPs. Considerable information on giant grenadier exists that can be used for stock assessment (under Tier 5). Inclusion in the groundfish FMPs would provide for their precautionary management by, at a minimum, recording their harvest and/or placing limits on their harvest.

Alternative 1. No Action.

Alternative 2. Include Grenadiers in the BSAI and GOA FMPs as 'in the fishery'

Alternative 3. Include Grenadiers in the BSAI and GOA FMPs as an 'ecosystem component'

Alternative 4. Include Grenadiers in the BSAI FMP as an 'ecosystem component' and in GOA FMP as 'in the fishery'

The species to be included (applicable to any action alternative):

Option 1. giant grenadier only

Option 2. giant, popeye, and Pacific grenadiers