

section of this January 7, 2003 edition that implements groundfish management measures for January 1 through February 28, 2003.

Specifications and management measures proposed for 2003 are designed to rebuild overfished stocks through constraining direct and incidental mortality, and to achieve as

much of the OYs as practicable for healthier groundfish stocks managed under the FMP.

I. Proposed Specifications

Proposed fishery specifications include ABCs, the designation of OYs (which may be represented by harvest guidelines (HGs) or quotas for species

that need individual management), and the allocation of commercial OYs between the open access and limited entry segments of the fishery. These specifications include fish caught in State ocean waters (0–3 nautical miles (nm) offshore) as well as fish caught in the EEZ (3–200 nm offshore).

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