

Draft Addendum XXXII Repealing Addendum XXVII Measures for Public Comment

March 2025



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February 2025	Board initiated Draft Addendum XXXII
March 2025	Board considers Draft Addendum XXXII for Public Comment
March-April 2025	Public hearings and comment period
May 2025	Board meeting to consider final approval of Draft Addendum XXXII

- February 2025 Board motion:

Move to initiate an Addendum to repeal all gauge and vent size changes in Addendum XXVII. The other sections of Addendum XXVII will remain in effect.

- Addendum XXVII (2023) for increasing protection of GOM/GBK spawning stock
 - established a trigger mechanism to implement a series of gauge and vent size changes when a trigger is reached
- Trigger = 35% decline in the trigger index from the reference period (2016-2018)
 - Trigger index declined by 39% with inclusion of 2022 data
- Board delayed implementation of Addendum XXVII measures to July 1, 2025
 - More time for industry to respond to changes and Canada to consider complementary measures

Statement of the Problem

- GOM industry concerns about economic impacts of LCMA 1 minimum gauge size increase
- Uncertainty surrounding implications for trade with Canada
- Consideration of alternative management measures warranted

- **Option A: Status Quo**
 - Maintain the current implementation for Addendum XXVII schedule adopted under Addendum XXXI
- **Option B: Repeal Addendum XXVII Gauge and Vent Size Measures**

Implementation of Management Measures Under Option A

Area	LCMA 1	LCMA 3	OCC
Current Measures	Minimum gauge: 3 ¼" Maximum gauge: 5" Vent size: status quo	Minimum gauge: 3 ¹⁷ / ₃₂ " Maximum gauge: 6 ¾" Vent size: status quo	Minimum gauge: 3 ⅜" Maximum gauge: 6 ¾" / none Vent size: status quo
July 1, 2025	Minimum gauge size: 3 ⅝" (84 mm)	<i>Status quo</i>	Maximum gauge: 6 ¾" for all permit holders
July 1, 2027	Minimum gauge size: 3 ⅜" (86 mm)	<i>Status quo</i>	<i>Status quo</i>
July 1, 2028	Vent size: 2 x 5 ¾" rectangular; 2 ⅝" circular	<i>Status quo</i>	<i>Status quo</i>
July 1, 2029	Status quo	Maximum gauge size: 6 ½"	Maximum gauge size: 6 ½"

- Under Option B, all changes to gauge and escape vent sizes established by Addendum XXVII would be repealed. These include:
 - Change to the maximum gauge size for state-waters only permit holders in OCC under under Section 3.1 of Addendum XXVII
 - Minimum and maximum gauge size changes triggered under Section 3.2 of Addendum XXVII
- The following provisions of Addendum XXVII would be maintained:
 - Standardize v-notch possession definition for all permit holders in OCC to 1/8" with or without setal hairs. The implementation date for this measure would be July 1, 2025.
 - Implement regulations for LCMAs 1 and 3 to limit the issuance of trap tags to equal the harvester trap tag allocation. The implementation deadline for this measure was January 1, 2025.

Actions for Board Consideration

- Modifications to Draft Addendum XXXII for Public Comment
- Approval of Draft Addendum XXXII for Public Comment

Date	Action
October 2024	Board initiated Draft Addendum XXXII
March 2025	Board considers Draft Addendum XXXII for Public Comment
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Questions?