

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT

Situation: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will report on its regulatory activities and developments relevant to groundfish fisheries. Specific items for discussion include an update on 2003 regulations, a briefing on recent negotiations with Canada concerning whiting allocation and management, an update on changes to the 2003 Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Process, and other issues of interest to the Council.

Council Task:

1. Discussion.

Reference Materials: None

Agenda Order:

- a. Regulatory Matters
- b. Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Schedule Changes
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

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