

## UPDATE ON MITCHELL ACT HATCHERY NEEDS

Situation: Base level Mitchell Act hatchery funding has remained level for a number of years, resulting in decreased production and facility deterioration. In 2003, Pacific States Marine Fishery Commission (PSMFC) formed a policy group consisting of state, tribal, and stakeholder representatives to pursue a strategy for prioritizing Mitchell Act programs and communicating the effects of the funding situation to higher level administrators within NOAA.

### **Council Task:**

#### **1. Receive Information and provide guidance on Mitchell Act issues.**

#### Reference Materials:

1. None.

#### Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Report of the Policy Group
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council guidance and Direction

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