

## CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Council set optimum yield (OY) levels and various management measures for the 2005 groundfish management season with the understanding these management measures will likely need to be adjusted periodically through the year with the goal of attaining, but not exceeding, the OYs.

Under this Agenda Item, the Council is to consider advice from Council advisory bodies and the public on the status of ongoing fisheries and recommended inseason adjustments prior to adopting final changes as necessary.

Anticipated inseason adjustments for Council consideration are more conservative bag limits for California and Oregon recreational fisheries to match federal regulations with state regulations, and consideration for a modification of the limited entry fixed gear sablefish tier limits based on a new observer data report that will be available by the March Council meeting. It is unknown how new observer data might affect sablefish tier limits since the data report was not available in time for the March briefing book.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Consider information on the status of ongoing fisheries.**
- 2. Consider and adopt inseason adjustments as necessary.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item F.7.c, Public Comment.

### **Agenda Order:**

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Appropriate Adjustments for 2005 Fisheries

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Proposal to exempt Pot gear from 100 fa Line

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I propose to exempt pot/trap fisheries for Sablefish from the 100 fathom line that is set up for Rockfish protection. The reason being is that pots/traps are very selective and have very little incidence of bycatch of any species including protected Rockfish (Yellow eye, Canary, etc.) The observer data demonstrates this. I propose to let pots fish any depth and this can be monitored with the vms or just exempt them altogether from VMS. At the very least you could let the pots go into the 75 fathom line that is already established for the Draggers. If there are concerns to the south you could make the allowance for the North area only.

This would not be a large undertaking as there are relatively few pot /trap permits(28?)  
Again there is no valid argument to deny this proposal.

Thank you



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