CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS IN 2005 AND 2006 GROUNDFISH FISHERIES

The Council set optimum yield (OY) levels and various management measures for the 2005 and 2006 groundfish management seasons with the understanding these management measures will likely need to be adjusted periodically through the biennial management period with the goal of attaining, but not exceeding, the OYs. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) will begin meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2005 (see Ancillary A and Ancillary B agendas) to discuss and recommend inseason adjustments to ongoing 2005 and upcoming 2006 groundfish fisheries.

Under this agenda item, the Council is to consider advisory body advice and public comment on the status of ongoing fisheries and recommended inseason adjustments prior to adopting final changes as necessary. The Council may provide guidance to the GMT and GAP prior to making final inseason adjustments under Agenda Item H.13 on Friday, November 4 or make final inseason adjustments under this agenda item. If the latter course is chosen, there will be opportunity to confirm or clarify the Council decision under Agenda Item H.13.

Council Action:

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

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.4.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

a. Agenda Item Overview
b. Report of the Groundfish Management Team
c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
d. Public Comment
e. Council Action: Adopt Preliminary or Final Inseason Adjustments for 2005 and 2006 Groundfish Fisheries

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