CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Council set optimum yield (OY) levels and various management measures for the 2006 and 2007 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 Monday, November 13, 2006 (see Ancillary B and Ancillary C agendas) to discuss and recommend inseason adjustments to ongoing 2006 and upcoming 2007 groundfish fisheries.

Under this agenda item, the Council is to consider advisory body advice and public comment on the status of ongoing and upcoming fisheries and recommended inseason adjustments prior to adopting final changes. The Council may provide guidance to the GMT and GAP prior to making final inseason adjustments under Agenda Item D.8 on Friday, November 17, 2006, or make final inseason adjustments under this agenda item. If the latter course is chosen, the Council may cancel Agenda Item D.8 or direct that opportunity be provided to confirm or clarify the Council decision under Agenda Item D.8.

**Council Action:**

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

**Reference Materials:**


**Agenda Order:**

- Agenda Item Overview
- Report of the Groundfish Management Team
- Agency and Tribal Comments
- Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- Public Comment
- **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary or Final Recommendations for Adjustments to 2006 and 2007 Fisheries

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OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON INSEASON ACTION
AND REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) requests that the Council take action, concurrent with the state, to prohibit the retention of cabezon in Oregon’s recreational ocean boat fishery.

Based on catch estimates through July and projections from historical temporal catch patterns, the state harvest limit for cabezon, which was 15.9 mt, has been reached. Additionally, analysis of the angler effort through Labor Day also suggested that the harvest limit would be attained by late September. State harvest limits apply to landings by recreational ocean boats and do not include shore catch and discards. Effective 11:59 pm on Friday, September 22, 2006, cabezon retention in the recreational ocean and estuary boat fisheries was prohibited. Shore fisheries, including shore-based diving, angling and spear fishing, were not affected by this closure.

The most recent landings update, which includes data through September 3, 2006, confirmed that the management measure was appropriate; cabezon landings were 14.9 mt, or 94 percent of the harvest limit.