FINAL CHANGES TO ROUTINE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

At the September 2006 meeting, the Council approved for public review alternatives developed by the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) to address three possible regulatory changes. Attachment 1 describes alternatives to change vessel marking requirements applicable to recreational charter boats. Attachment 2 describes alternatives for recreational fishery bag limits for albacore and bluefin tuna in Federal waters off of California. The third alternative is a change to the northern boundary of the Pacific leatherback conservation area, which is applicable to drift gillnet vessels and is currently located off the mid-Oregon coast. The draft environmental assessment with an analysis of the alternatives was not received in time to include in the briefing book. It will be provided as a supplemental item at the onset of the November 2006 Council meeting. However, decision support analyses are available at this time for the first two alternatives (see reference material listing below).

At this meeting, the Council task is to take final action by choosing a preferred alternative for each of the three proposed regulatory changes. The National Marine Fishery Service will then initiate the rulemaking process necessary to implement any regulations by April 1, 2007.

Council Action:


Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1: Decision Support Document for Change in HMS Vessel Marking Requirements for Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels.

Agenda Order:

a. Agenda Item Overview
b. Report of the Highly Migratory Species Management Team
c. Agency Comments
d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
e. Public Comment

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