

INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING CARRYOVER

Management measures for groundfish are set by the Council with the general understanding these measures will likely need to be adjusted within the biennium to attain, but not exceed, the annual catch limits. This agenda item will consider inseason adjustments to ongoing 2014 fisheries. Potential inseason adjustments include adjustments to rockfish conservation area boundaries and adjustments to commercial and recreational fishery catch limits. Adjustments are, in part, based on catch estimate updates and the latest information from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program.

Under this agenda item, the Council is expected to provide a recommendation to the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the issuance of 2013 surplus carryover quota pounds (QP) into the 2014 individual fishing quota fishery. The surplus carryover provision allows up to 10 percent of the QP surplus in a vessel account to be carried over from one year to the next (see regulations at 660.140(e)(5)). The Groundfish Management Team is expected to provide a report on fishery performance in 2013 and projections for 2014 to inform decision-making. If a concern is identified, the Council can recommend reducing the carryover percentage or eliminating the provision for the species in question for the year.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider information on the status of 2014 fisheries and adopt inseason adjustments, as necessary.**
- 2. Consider data on surplus carryover QPs and fishery performance. Recommend the amount of surplus carryover that should be issued.**

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- Agenda Item Overview
 - Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - Public Comment
 - Council Action:** Adopt Recommendations for Adjustments to 2014 Groundfish Fisheries, Including Carryover
- Kelly Ames