

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON  
TRAWL RATIONALIZATION TRAILING ACTIONS

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) thanks Mr. Jim Seger for the detailed overview of trawl trailing actions at this meeting. The GMT reviewed and discussed the documents under this agenda item and Agenda Item D.1 (NMFS Report) and provides the following perspective.

Regarding the proposed rule for Pacific whiting ([Agenda Item D.1.b, Supplemental NMFS Report, March 2014](#)), it appears that there are potential needs and benefits for clarifying the definition of midwater whiting trips from midwater non-whiting trips. However, we do not know at this point if the definition and proposed corrections are consistent with past Council action from 2009 and are appropriate in 2014. The GMT requests that the comment period for the proposed rule and the associated Environmental Assessment be available during a future Council meeting.

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