

CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS
(INCLUDING PACIFIC WHITING MANAGEMENT MEASURES
AND BYCATCH LIMITS)

Management measures for the 2010 groundfish season were set by the Council with the understanding these measures would likely need to be adjusted throughout the biennial period to attain, but not exceed, the optimum yields (OYs). This agenda item will consider inseason adjustments to ongoing 2010 fisheries.

Potential inseason adjustments under this agenda item include changes to Pacific whiting bycatch limits, adjustments to Rockfish Conservation Area boundaries, adjustments to commercial and recreational catch limits, and catch estimate revisions based on the latest information from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program.

The Groundfish Management Team and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will meet prior to this agenda item to discuss and recommend inseason adjustments to 2010 groundfish fisheries. After hearing this advisory body advice and public comments, the Council will consider preliminary or final inseason adjustments. Agenda Item E.8, Final Consideration of Inseason Adjustments, is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, should further analysis or clarification be needed.

Council Action:

Consider information on the status of 2010 fisheries and adopt preliminary or final inseason adjustments as necessary.

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary or Final Recommendations for Adjustments to 2010 Groundfish Fisheries
- Kelly Ames

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