FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

The Northwest and Southwest Divisions of the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) will provide a joint report on National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) enforcement activities and achievements over the last year (Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental NMFS Report).

In contrast to previous years, NMFS OLE is now soliciting comment on enforcement priorities on a year-round basis. This agenda item provides an opportunity to develop a coordinated comment within the Council process. The Council’s 2011 comments on enforcement priorities are provided here as Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1. Comments for 2012 were little different from those in 2011.

Council Action:

1. Provide comments on regional enforcement priorities.
2. Other guidance as needed.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1, December 14, 2011 letter to OLE from Executive Director, Donald McIsaac, on enforcement priorities for 2012.

Agenda Order:

a. Agenda Item Overview
b. Federal Fishery Enforcement Priorities Report
   Martina Sagapolu and Bill Giles
c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
d. Public Comment
e. Council Action: Provide Comments on Regional Enforcement Priorities and Guidance, as Needed

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