

CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

Management measures for groundfish are set by the Council with the general understanding that 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 remaining 2013 fisheries and 2014 fisheries. Potential actions include adjustments to rockfish conservation area boundaries and changes 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.

The Council is also expected to receive an update from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding the issuance of 2012 petrale sole surplus carryover quota pounds into the 2013 shorebased individual fishing quota fishery. In September, the Council considered inseason projections for petrale and recommended that NMFS issue carryover since the annual catch limit was not projected to be attained or exceeded ([Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental GMT Report, September 2013](#)).

Council Action:

- 1. Consider information on the status of 2013 fisheries and adopt inseason adjustments for 2013 and 2014, as necessary.**
- 2. Consider the NMFS decision regarding surplus carryover for petrale sole and make recommendations, as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.9.c, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Recommendations for Adjustments to 2013 and 2014 Groundfish Fisheries
- Kelly Ames