

UPDATE LIST OF FISHERIES

At its June 2012 meeting, the Council recommended preventing the future development of fisheries for currently unfished forage fish species through a two-stage process: 1) amending and updating the Federal list of authorized West Coast fisheries and gear, and 2) developing protections for unfished and unmanaged forage fish through amendments to one or more of the Council's fishery management plans. At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to take final action on the first step in this process, and to begin planning for the second step.

A revised version of the List of Fisheries appeared first in the April Briefing Book ([April 2013, Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 2](#)). This list was subsequently edited and reviewed by Council advisory bodies in June 2013. At that time, the Council reviewed the revised list and recommended changes. The ad hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EW), created in June, made revisions in accord with Council guidance and has provided a revised version of the list for this meeting (Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 1).

At this stage, the Council is scheduled to develop recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to update the Federal list of fisheries and gear. When final, the Council will transmit those recommendations, along with any accompanying analyses, to NMFS, requesting publication of a proposed rule to implement the recommendations. NMFS would then publish the proposed rule and, after an appropriate public comment period, determine whether to approve, disapprove, or partially approve a final rule implementing revisions to the list.

Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 1 provides the current list of authorized fisheries and gear with the EW's suggested revisions. Potential revisions to this table should consider only those fisheries that occur wholly or partially within Federal waters (3-200 nm offshore). No revision to the table should have the effect of prohibiting currently legal directed fisheries or incidental catch.

Council Action:

Adopt Updates to the List of Fisheries.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 1: ad hoc Ecosystem Workgroup Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Final Adoption of Updates to the List of Fisheries.

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