The Amendment 20 trawl rationalization program included an element requiring program participants to submit economic data. Additionally, there has been a complementary effort to collect sociological information from participants, albeit on a voluntary basis. At this meeting, the Council will receive a status report from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) on the results of the Economic Data Collection (EDC) Program and an overview of efforts to collect sociological information. This economic and sociological information is expected to be valuable in evaluating program performance.

Attached are four EDC reports based on the economic information collected by the program (Agenda Item J.5.b, NWFSC Reports 1-4). Hard copies of the introductions and overviews for each report are provided, and the entire reports are provided in electronic format only. Dr. Todd Lee and Ms. Erin Steiner will provide a presentation on the status and results from the EDC efforts.

Also attached is a report from the NWFSC social sciences group on their efforts and preliminary results (Agenda Item J.5.b, NWFSC Report 5). The social science group presentation on the Council floor will be brief but a more extensive video overview is available on the internet (please see http://bit.ly/1uGtEXi for the video and Agenda Item J.5.b, Supplemental NWFSC Report 6 for a hard copy of the slides presented in that video). Ms. Suzanne Russell from the NWFSC will be on hand to respond to questions regarding the collection and analysis of sociological information.

**Council Task:**

**Council Discussion.**

**Reference Materials:**

6. Agenda Item J.5.b, Supplemental NWFSC Report 6: The Pacific Groundfish Fishery Social Study: An Overview of Initial Theme-Based Results – Slides Presented in Video
Agenda Order:

a. Agenda Item Overview  Jim Seger
b. Northwest Fishery Science Center Reports  Todd Lee, Erin Steiner, Suzanne Russell
c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
d. Public Comment
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