

## RECONSIDERATION OF OPEN ACCESS REGISTRATION UNDER AMENDMENT 22

The Council's Groundfish Strategic Plan adopted in 2000 listed conversion of the current open access fishery to a limited entry system as a management priority. Considerations for this initiative began in September 2006 when the Council set a control date. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to analyze alternatives for this initiative under Fishery Management Plan Amendment 22 (the EA is available at <http://www.pcouncil.org/groundfish/fishery-management-plan/fmp-amendment-22/>). In March 2009, the Council ultimately adopted Alternative 2 in the draft EA, which did not convert the open access fishery into a limited entry system but did recommend a simple registration program for fishermen intending to land groundfish in the open access fishery.

In April 2009, the National Marine Fisheries Service notified the Council that in their analysis of the Amendment 22 action, the costs of open access registry to both the government and industry would exceed the benefits. In June 2009, the Council voted against further consideration of Amendment 22, but indicated they may consider a future rescission of the open access registry. In September 2014, in the context of a discussion of workload priorities, the Council scheduled this consideration for the November 2014 meeting agenda.

The Council task under this agenda item is to consider whether to formally rescind their decision to create an open access registry under Amendment 22. The Council should consider the advice of their advisors, public comment, and competing workload priorities in this consideration.

**Council Action: Consider whether to rescind or revise the action to create an open access registry originally adopted under FMP Amendment 22.**

### Reference Materials:

None.

### Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Final Action to Rescind or Revise Council Action of Open Access Registration under Amendment 22

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