

STATUS OF REGULATIONS, NMFS ACTIVITIES, AND EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

Situation: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will report on the management and research activities at this time. NMFS has prepared a report on incidental catch and bycatch in the 1999 Pacific whiting fisheries (NMFS Report G.1.).

We anticipate an exempted fishing permit (EFP) application for the shore-side whiting fishery will be presented for Council review. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) has prepared comments and suggestions regarding incidental catch of yellowtail rockfish (GMT Report G.1.). The Council should comment on landing allowances and other permit conditions.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Comment on EFPs, proposed rules, and other issues, if any.**

Reference Materials:

1. Annual catches of yellowtail rockfish, widow rockfish, salmon, halibut and miscellaneous groundfish in the Pacific whiting fishery, 1999 (NMFS Report G.1.).
2. GMT Statement on the Incidental Catch of Rockfish in the Whiting Fishery (GMT Report G.1.).

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