

RENEWAL OF EMERGENCY RULE FOR 2000 MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Situation: Several management measures necessary to implement the initial rebuilding plans and protect canary rockfish were implemented by emergency rule in conjunction with the 2000 annual specifications. Emergency measures are effective for up to 180 days and may be extended for an additional 180 days. In order for extension to be approved, the Council must begin the necessary fishery management plan (FMP) or regulatory amendment to address the emergency conditions in a more permanent manner. Proposed Amendment 13 to the groundfish FMP is intended to authorize the Council to continue using the types of management measures implemented in the emergency rule. At this meeting, the Council should advise National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to extend the emergency rule provisions for the remainder of the year.

Council Action:

- 1. Recommend extension of the emergency rule provisions.**

Reference Materials: None.

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