

DISCARD ADJUSTMENT FOR BOCACCIO AND LINGCOD

Situation: At the November 2000 meeting, the Council adopted its final acceptable biological catch (ABC) and optimum yield (OY) recommendations for 2001. OYs may be set for total catch or for landed catch; a landed catch OY has been reduced to account for anticipated discards. When a total catch OY is adopted, the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) typically calculates the landed catch equivalent so inseason landings estimates can be directly compared to the appropriate target. In November, the Council adopted total catch OYs for lingcod and bocaccio. However, the GMT inadvertently did not factor in appropriate discard adjustments. On the GMT report regarding total catch and landed catch, both OY numbers are for total catch, and no discard assumption had been factored in. The Council should fix this oversight by applying an appropriate discard factor. In previous years, the Council used 16% for bocaccio; for lingcod, the rate was 20% of the limited entry allocation. The attached GMT report (Exhibit F.4, GMT Report) provides the necessary information.

Council Action:

1. Adopt Discard Adjustments for Bocaccio and Lingcod.

Reference Materials:

1. GMT Statement on Landed Catch Targets for Bocaccio and Lingcod in the 2001 Fishery (Exhibit F.4, GMT Report).

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