

## NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

Situation: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will report on its regulatory activities since the April 2001 Council meeting. One item of particular interest is implementation of the permit stacking program for the fixed gear sablefish fishery. At the March 2001 meeting, NMFS informed the Council the full program cannot be implemented in time for this year's primary sablefish season, but the basic permit stacking provision should be in place in time for a fishery beginning no earlier than August 1. NMFS will report the progress on implementing this program, as well as on other regulatory activities. In addition, NMFS will report on miscellaneous research and other ongoing regulatory and nonregulatory activities.

**Council Action: Discussion.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit C.1, Supplemental NMFS Report (if any).

Groundfish Fishery Strategic Plan Consistency Analysis

This agenda item is not expected to require Council decision making that raises issues of consistency with the Plan.

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