

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

Situation: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will report on its regulatory activities since the June 2001 Council meeting. NMFS will report on the implementation of the permit stacking program for the fixed gear sablefish fishery which began on August 15, 2001. NMFS will also report on its progress in its plans to implement the on-board Observer Program. Observers have been placed on selected vessels in the fixed gear fishery beginning August 15 and selected vessels in the trawl fishery since September 1. In addition, NMFS will report on miscellaneous research and other ongoing regulatory and nonregulatory activities.

**Council Task: Discussion.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit C.1, Attachment 1, Letter from Donna Darm, NMFS
2. Exhibit C.1, Supplemental NMFS Report (if any).

Groundfish Fishery Strategic Plan (GFSP) Consistency Analysis

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

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