

MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERIES STATISTICS SURVEY UPDATE

Situation: An update on the status of the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) and complementary elements will be provided by Mr. Russell Porter (Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission). He will also present the Council with a report on an approach for evaluating the adequacy and opportunities for improvement of the current system for collecting data from recreational groundfish fisheries.

Council Task:

1. **Provide comment and guidance on a course of action to be followed for evaluating and improving the current system for collecting groundfish recreational fishery data.**

Reference Materials:

- ✓1. Exhibit C.2.b, Supplemental PSMFC Report. *received 10/29/01*

Groundfish Fishery Strategic Plan (GFSP) Consistency Analysis

The GFSP calls for data collection, monitoring, and analysis: "To provide comprehensive, objective, reproducible, and credible information in an understandable and timely manner to meet our conservation and management objectives." Recommendations reference the need to create cooperative interagency-industry partnerships, implement the West Coast Fisheries Economic Data Plan, and integrate Council research and data needs into the NOAA budget process.

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2. *GAP statement on MRFSS (Exhibit C.2.c, Supplemental GAP Report).*