

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

Situation: The National Marine Fisheries Service will briefly report on recent developments relevant to the West Coast groundfish fishery. These discussion topics include the status of Amendment 14 to the fishery management plan (FMP) and issues relevant to permit stacking in the fixed gear sablefish fishery, an update on this year's Stock Assessment Review (STAR) process, an Observer Program update, and other issues of interest to the Council.

Council Task:

1. Receive information for discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. February 14, 2002 letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service to sablefish endorsement holders (Exhibit F.1.a, Attachment 1).
2. February 20, 2002 letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service to Dr. Hans Radtke, Chairman, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Exhibit F.1.a, Attachment 2).
3. November 13, 2001 letter from Michael D. Pettis to William Robinson, National Marine Fisheries Service (Exhibit F.1.e, Public Comment).

Agenda Order:

1. NMFS Report
 - a. Status of Amendment 14
 - b. Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Process Update
 - c. Observer Program Update
 - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - e. Public Comment
 - f. Council Discussion

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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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Supplemental Reference Materials

4. Exhibit F.1.d, Supplemental SSC Report.