

STATUS OF GROUND FISH FISHERIES AND INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

Situation: In the current groundfish management program, the Council sets annual harvest targets (optimum yield [OY] levels) and various management measures, with the understanding these management measures will likely need to be adjusted periodically through the year in order to attain, but not exceed, the OYs.

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will present information on the status of ongoing fisheries, and any need for adjustments in typical management measures, such as trip limits and seasons. It is not expected that there will be new information from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program (WCGOP) for use in inseason management decision making for the remainder of the 2003 season.

The Council is to consider advice from Advisory Bodies and the public on the status of ongoing fisheries and recommended inseason adjustments and adopt changes as necessary.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider information on the status of ongoing fisheries.**
- 2. Consider and adopt inseason adjustments as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. GMT Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider and Adopt Inseason Adjustments as needed.

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