

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON
STATUS OF GROUND FISH FISHERIES AND INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) is concerned that the level of compliance in the recreational groundfish fishery has resulted in the harvest of fish that may not have been considered. We, therefore, urge a precautionary stance in making inseason adjustments for lingcod or other groundfish species. The EC would like to offer an example of a contact-to-violation ratio related to the recreational groundfish fishery for the Council to evaluate in order to determine whether or not this concern is substantial enough to warrant adjustments to recreational catch estimates in the future. Therefore, the EC requests an agenda item be identified under which this report may be provided at the March 2004 meeting.

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