

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON  
GROUNDFISH MANAGEMENT

Situation: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will report on its regulatory and scientific activities relevant to groundfish fisheries. On April 30, 2004, NMFS announced Pacific whiting stock status as fully rebuilt and set 2004 Pacific whiting harvest levels, see Exhibit C.2.a, Attachment 1.

**Council Task:**

**1. Discussion.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit C.2.a, Attachment 1: *Federal Register* notice of 2004 Pacific whiting fishery specifications final rule and stock status.

Agenda Order:

- a. Regulatory Activities
- b. Science Center Activities
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

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