

FINAL CONSIDERATION OF 2004 INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

Situation: The Council set optimum yield (OY) levels and various management measures for the 2004 groundfish management season 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) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) may pose key policy questions and receive Council guidance on inseason actions under agendum C.1. Under this agendum, the Council will receive updates on appropriate groundfish fisheries and consider adopting final inseason adjustments.

The GMT incorrectly recommended sablefish tier limits that were calculated using the 2004 acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the area north of 36° N. lat. (8,185 mt) instead of the OY for that area (7,510 mt). The Council will consider remedial inseason action at their June 2004 meeting to keep from exceeding the limited entry fixed gear sablefish allocation. Other potential topics under this agendum include, corrective trip limit adjustments to limited entry trawl flatfish and midwater fisheries north of 40°10' N. lat., and consideration of midwater trawl opportunities for chilipeppers south of 40°10' N. lat.

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:

- Agendum Overview
- Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- Public Comment
- Council Action:** Approve Inseason Adjustments in the 2004 Groundfish Fishery

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