

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON CONTACT TO VIOLATION RATIO  
IN GROUND FISH RECREATIONAL FISHERIES

Situation: Currently, pre-season and post-season harvest estimates for the recreational fishery account only for such retention violations as are detected when anglers show their illegal catch to field surveyors. The Council's Enforcement Consultants (EC) group have suggested that when setting harvest levels, the Council consider an adjustment factor to take into account violations that are not counted towards quote achievement. Agencies charged with fisheries law enforcement have been conducting studies to assess compliance rates with existing regulations. Methodologies and initial results from these studies will be presented to the Council and advisory bodies at this meeting (Exhibit D.1.b). The Council task will be to provide guidance on any follow-up steps that should be considered based on the information in the presentation.

**Council Task:**

**1. Guidance.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit D.1.b, Recreational Fishery Compliance Report: Compliance in the Recreational Groundfish Fishery.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. EC Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Guidance

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