

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Region will briefly report on recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries and issues of interest to the Council.

NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) will also briefly report on groundfish-related science and research activities. The NWFSC will also present a report (Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 2) analyzing groundfish discards in the 2002 and 2003 trawl fisheries and comparing resulting catch estimates with those provided in a recent report done by the Marine Resources Assessment Group (MRAG).

Council Task:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 1: List of Groundfish and Pacific Halibut *Federal Register* Notices Published Since the June 2006 Council Meeting.
2. Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 2: Discard in the 2002 and 2003 Groundfish Trawl Fisheries: A Comparison of MRAG and Northwest Fishery Science Center Analyses.

Agenda Order:

- a. Activity Reports:
 1. Northwest Region
 2. Science Center
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion

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