

CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Council set optimum yield (OY) levels and various management measures for the 2007 groundfish management season with the understanding these management measures will likely need to be adjusted periodically through the biennial management period with the goal of attaining, but not exceeding, the OYs. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) will begin meeting on Monday, April 2, 2007 (see Ancillary A and Ancillary B agendas) to discuss and recommend inseason adjustments to ongoing 2007 groundfish fisheries.

Under this agenda item, the Council is to consider advisory body advice and public comment on the status of ongoing and upcoming fisheries and recommended inseason adjustments prior to adopting final changes. The Council may provide guidance to the GMT and GAP prior to making final inseason adjustments under Agenda Item E.4 on Thursday, April 5, 2007, or make final inseason adjustments under this agenda item. If the latter course is chosen, the Council may cancel Agenda Item E.4 or direct that opportunity be provided to confirm or clarify the Council decision under Agenda Item E.4.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider information on the status of ongoing fisheries.**
- 2. Consider and adopt inseason adjustments as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.2.b, GMT Report: 2007 Projected Mortality Impacts (mt) of Overfished Groundfish Species Under Current Regulations.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Report of the Groundfish Management Team (GMT)
 - c. Agency and Tribal Comments
 - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - e. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary or Final Recommendations for Adjustments to 2007 Groundfish Fisheries
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2007 Projected mortality impacts (mt) of overfished groundfish species under current regulations. Updated with March 2007 inseason adjustments. a/

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Fishery	Bocaccio b/	Canary	Cowcod	Dkbl	POP	Widow	Yelloweye
Limited Entry Trawl- Non-whiting	26.1	8.1	1.5	247.4	89.8	1.6	0.4
Limited Entry Trawl- Whiting							
At-sea whiting motherships		4.7		25.0	1.0	220.0	0.0
At-sea whiting cat-proc	2.9				0.0		
Shoreside whiting	1.8				0.0		
Tribal whiting		0.7		0.0	0.6	6.1	0.0
Tribal							
Midwater Trawl		1.8		0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0
Bottom Trawl		0.8		0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0
Troll		0.5		0.0	0.0		0.0
Fixed gear		0.3		0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3
Limited Entry Fixed Gear		1.1		1.3	0.4		2.9
Sablefish	13.4		0.0			0.0	
Non-Sablefish			0.1			0.5	
Open Access: Directed Groundfish		1.0					
Sablefish DTL	0.0		0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.5
Nearshore (North of 40°10' N. lat.)	0.0	1.7		0.0	0.0	0.1	2.0
Nearshore (South of 40°10' N. lat.)	0.0			0.0	0.0		
Other	10.6			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Open Access: Incidental Groundfish							
CA Halibut	0.1	0.0		0.0	0.0		
CA Gillnet c/	0.5			0.0	0.0	0.0	
CA Sheephead c/				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CPS- wetfish c/	0.3						
CPS- squid d/							
Dungeness crab c/	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0		
HMS b/		0.0	0.0	0.0			
Pacific Halibut c/	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pink shrimp	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Ridgeback prawn	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Salmon troll	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
Sea Cucumber	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Spot Prawn (trap)							
Recreational Groundfish e/							
WA		5.7					6.2
OR						1.4	
CA	98.0	8.3	0.4			8.0	1.7
Research: Includes NMFS trawl shelf-slope surveys, the IPHC halibut survey, and expected impacts from SRPs and LOAs. f/							
	2.0	7.5	0.1	3.8	3.6	0.9	2.0
TOTAL	151.4	43.1	2.2	277.8	103.9	279.0	18.5
2007 OY	218	44.0	4.0	290	150	368	23
Difference	66.6	0.9	1.8	12.3	46.1	89.1	4.5
Percent of OY	69.4%	98.0%	55.0%	95.8%	69.3%	75.8%	80.3%
Key	= either not applicable; trace amount (<0.01 mt); or not reported in available						

a/ All numbers reflect projected annual total catches except that the non-tribal "Limited Entry Trawl- Whiting" numbers are the total bycatch caps for canary, darkblotched, and widow rockfish.

b/ South of 40°10' N. lat.

c/ Mortality estimates are not hard numbers; based on the GMT's best professional judgment.

d/ Bycatch amounts by species unavailable, but bocaccio occurred in 0.1% of all port samples and other rockfish in another 0.1% of all port samples (and squid fisheries usually land their whole catch).

e/ Values in scorecard represent projected impacts. However, harvest guidelines for 2007 are as follows: canary in WA and OR combined = 8.2 mt and in CA = 9.0 mt; yelloweye in WA and OR combined = 6.8 mt and in CA = 2.1 mt.

f/ Research projections only updated for canary rockfish in November 2006. The other species' updates will be updated in April 2007.