

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council).

NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) will also briefly report on groundfish-related science and research activities.

Council Task:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 1: Federal Register Notices- Groundfish and Halibut Notices- March 14, 2007 through May 30, 2007.
2. Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 2: NMFS Report on New National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Processes for Developing Fisheries Actions.
3. Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 3: Federal Register Notice 72 FR 27759: Temporary Rule Prohibiting Participation in the 2007 Whiting Fishery By Vessels Without a History of Sector-Specific Participation in the Whiting Fishery between January 1, 1997 and January 1, 2007.
4. Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 4: NMFS Report on Vessel Ownership Interest in the Limited Entry Fleet for Vessels Registered to Permits with Sablefish Endorsements.

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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