

## ***Pacific Fishery Management Council Hosting Special Evening Presentations at Their September Meeting***

**Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm**

### **GROUND FISH STOCK ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION**

Lead authors will provide a brief overview of results of new full assessments for **black rockfish** (off Washington), **chilipepper rockfish**, **darkblotched rockfish**, **cowcod**, **canary rockfish**, and **arrowtooth flounder**, and an updated assessment for **bocaccio**. These will be considered for Council adoption on Thursday, September 13 to be used as the basis for management decisions in 2009-2010.

Pacific Council members, advisors, and other attendees will have an opportunity to pose questions to the assessment authors regarding each of these assessments.

**Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm**

### **Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Presentation: DEEP SEA CORALS AND SPONGES OFF THE WASHINGTON COAST**

OCNMS Research Coordinator, Ed Bowlby, will give a presentation on deep sea coral and sponges recently surveyed off the Washington coast. The presentation will feature recent photos and videos of:

- **colorful soft corals (gorgonians)**
- **a stony coral (*Lophelia*) more commonly found in the North Atlantic**
- **rockfish and invertebrates associated with corals**
- **evidence of human-caused disturbance to deep sea corals and sponges**

These coral and sponge communities were observed within and outside EFH Conservation Area 'Olympic 2', which was closed to bottom trawling in June 2006. A report on these observations was published in July and will be distributed to Council members.

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***Both presentations will be held in the Sisters/Bachelor/Hood Ballroom,  
Doubletree Hotel Portland Lloyd Center  
1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, Oregon***