

TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF 2009-2010 GROUND FISH HARVEST SPECIFICATIONS,
MANAGEMENT MEASURES, AND REBUILDING PLAN REVISIONS

Under this agenda item, the Council is scheduled to take tentative final action to: 1) adopt 2009-2010 optimum yields (OYs) and rebuilding plan revisions for depleted groundfish species; 2) consider setting aside bycatch caps for proposed 2009 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) (2009 EFP applications are included in this briefing book under agenda item F.3); and 3) adopt 2009-2010 groundfish management measures. This tentative adoption will be followed by review and analysis by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) with opportunity for clarification under Agenda Item F.7 on Thursday, followed by final adoption under Agenda Item F.9 on Friday.

Excerpted sections of a preliminary draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) are provided in Agenda Item F.4.a, Attachment 1 to help the Council understand the interconnected consequences of these decisions: biological – effects on living marine resources; physical – effects on habitats and the marine ecosystem; and socioeconomic – effects on fishermen, processors and, fishing communities. These excerpted sections include: Chapter 2 in its entirety, which describes the 2009-2010 OY alternatives, rebuilding alternatives, and 2009-2010 management measure alternatives; portions of Chapter 4, which describes effects of these alternatives on west coast marine species; and portions of Chapter 7, which describes the effects of these alternatives on west coast fishing communities. The Chapter 7 excerpts will be provided as a supplemental attachment at the Council meeting.

The California Department of Fish and Game's (CDFG's) recommendations are included in Agenda Item F.2.b, CDFG Report and CDFG Report 2. Public comments that were received at the Council office by the June briefing book deadline are included in Agenda Item F.4.d, Public Comments.

The Council should consider the state and tribal proposals and preliminary DEIS analyses, as well as advice from advisory bodies and the public before adopting final 2009-2010 OYs and management measures, and final rebuilding plan revisions. The Council may want to request additional analyses by the GMT and GAP under this agenda item. Results for any requested analyses can be provided on Thursday under Agenda Item F.7. Final Council action on 2009-2010 OYs and management measures, and rebuilding plan revisions is scheduled for Friday under Agenda Item F.9.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt Preferred 2009-2010 Optimum Yields for Depleted Groundfish Species.**
- 2. Adopt Preferred Rebuilding Plan Revisions for Some Depleted Groundfish Species.**
- 3. Consider Setting Aside EFP Bycatch Caps for 2009 EFPs.**
- 4. Adopt Tentative Final 2009-2010 Management Measures.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 1: Excerpted portions of the Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Proposed Acceptable Biological Catch and Optimum Yield Specifications and Management Measures for the 2009-2010 Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery (DEIS).
2. Agenda Item F.2.b, CDFG Report: Yelloweye Rockfish Recreational Harvest Guideline Catch-Sharing Options for the 2009-2010 Regulatory Specifications and Implications for the California Recreational Fishery.
3. Agenda Item F.2.b, CDFG Report 2: Practical Range of Management Specification Options for California's 2009-2010 Commercial and Recreational Groundfish Fisheries.
4. Agenda Item F.2.d, Public Comments.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Agency and Tribal Comments
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Tentative Adoption of 2009-2010 Final Acceptable Biological Catches (ABC), Optimum Yields (OY), Management Measures, and Revised Rebuilding Plans for Overfished Species
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