

CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

Management measures for the 2009 groundfish season were set by the Council with the understanding these measures would likely need to be adjusted throughout the biennial period to attain, but not exceed, the optimum yields (OYs). This agenda item will consider inseason adjustments to ongoing 2009 fisheries.

In March of 2005, the Council adopted a policy stating “Management measures should not be liberalized until the June Council meeting at the earliest unless data errors or model errors warrant earlier consideration”. Therefore, unless warranted by significant changes in current information relative to existing projections, liberalizations to Rockfish Conservation Area boundaries and commercial and recreational catch limits would not be considered under this agenda item.

The Groundfish Management Team and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will meet prior to this agenda item to discuss and recommend inseason adjustments to 2009 groundfish fisheries. After hearing this advisory body advice and public comments, the Council will consider preliminary or final inseason adjustments. Agenda Item F.6 is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 should further analysis or clarification be needed.

Council Action:

Consider information on the status of 2009 fisheries and adopt preliminary or final inseason adjustments as necessary.

Reference Materials:

Agenda Item F.2.c, Public Comment

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Reports and Comments of Agencies and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary or Final Recommendations for Adjustments to 2009 Groundfish Fisheries
- Merrick Burden

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