

## NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region (WCR) will briefly report on recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries and issues of interest to the Council (Agenda Item I.1.a, NMFS Reports 1 and 2).

In September 2015, the Council recommended priorities for science activities to be conducted next year to improve future groundfish stock assessments and other analyses that inform Council management decisions. The NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFS) will report on their capacity to conduct these groundfish-related science and research activities. The NWFS will also report on a draft Ecosystem-Based Management Policy (Agenda Item I.1.a, NWFS Report 1), a draft Regional Climate Science Action Plan, and a Quota Pound Market Report published as a NOAA Technical Memorandum (Agenda Item I.1.a, NWFS Report 2). The NWFS will also report on the 2014 Groundfish Total Mortality Report (Agenda Item I.1.a, NWFS Report 3).

### **Council Task:**

### **Discussion.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item I.1.a, NMFS Report 1: Rulemaking Plan for 2015, Groundfish and Halibut.
2. Agenda Item I.1.a, NMFS Report 2: Groundfish and Halibut Notices; June 18, 2015-October 19, 2015.
3. Agenda Item I.1.a, NWFS Report 1: Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management Policy of the National Marine Fisheries Service National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
4. Agenda Item I.1.a, NWFS Report 2: The Anatomy of a Multispecies Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) "Market" in Development.
5. Agenda Item I.1.a, NWFS Report 3: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2014 U.S. West Coast Fisheries.

### **Agenda Order:**

- I.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report
  - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Council Discussion

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