

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region will provide a report on recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries. (Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 1 and NMFS Report 2). NMFS has provided a report on the 2015 estimated discard and catch of groundfish species in the U.S. West Coast fisheries (Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 3, *electronic only*).

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

Council Task:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 1: Groundfish and Halibut *Federal Register* Notices.
2. Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 2: Rulemaking Plan for 2016, Groundfish.
3. Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 3: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2015 U.S. West Coast Fisheries, (*Electronic Only*).

Agenda Order:

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| a. | Regulatory Activities | Frank Lockhart |
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