

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GROUND FISH SCIENCE WORKSHOPS AND METHODOLOGY REVIEWS

The Council sponsored two groundfish science workshops and a review of methodologies proposed for use in 2017 groundfish stock assessments. Reports from the proceedings of the Historical Groundfish Catch Reconstruction Workshop conducted last November and the Groundfish Productivity Workshop conducted last December are provided in Agenda Item I.2, Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. The Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC's) Groundfish Subcommittee met in January to review new methodologies proposed to potentially inform 2017 groundfish stock assessments. Their report (Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Report) will be reviewed at this meeting by the SSC. The SSC will recommend methodologies that can be used in groundfish stock assessments at this meeting. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is also proposing a new Oregon rockfish catch history after speciating historical unspecified rockfish landings (Agenda Item I.2.a, ODFW Report). The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) provided two reports in the advanced briefing book with updates on initial work exploring sablefish and lingcod discard mortality rates (Agenda Item I.2.a, GMT Report 1) and development of the commercial nearshore groundfish impact projection model (Agenda Item I.2.a, GMT Report 2). The GMT seeks guidance on prioritizing their workload associated with these items. Council guidance on this workload and expected delivery of GMT products may best be considered under Agenda Item C.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning.

The Council will review the groundfish science reports and any SSC recommendations relative to the workshops or to the new methodologies proposed for use in groundfish stock assessments and other analyses informing Council decisions, and adopt as appropriate.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt Groundfish Science Workshop Reports.**
- 2. Adopt SSC recommendations regarding proposed methodologies.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 1: Report of the Groundfish Historical Catch Reconstruction Workshop.
2. Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 2: Report of the Groundfish Productivity Workshop of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee.
3. Agenda Item I.2.a, Supplemental SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Report: The Scientific and Statistical Committee's Groundfish Subcommittee Report on the Review of Assessment Methodologies Proposed for Use in 2017 Groundfish Assessments.
4. Agenda Item I.2.a, ODFW Report: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Informational Report Regarding Speciation of Unspecified Rockfish Landings in Oregon for Inclusion in Stock Assessment Time Series of Removals.
5. Agenda Item I.2.a, GMT Report 1: Groundfish Management Team Informational Report on Sablefish and Lingcod Discard Mortality Rates.
6. Agenda Item I.2.a, GMT Report 2: Groundfish Management Team Report on Discard Mortality Rates Applicable to the Nearshore Fishery.

Agenda Order:

- I.2 Reports and Recommendations from Groundfish Science Workshops and Methodology Reviews John DeVore
  - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Review Reports and Adopt Science Workshop and Methodology Review Recommendations, As Appropriate

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