

## NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region (WCR) provided two reports on recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries (Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 1 and NMFS Report 2). The WCR also provided a progress report regarding the protection of confidential information as described in Section 402 of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act (2007) (Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 3). The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) will 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 2017, Groundfish.
3. Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 3: Progress Report on Project to Clarify Confidentiality of Certain State and PacFIN Data.

### Agenda Order:

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| F.1 | National Marine Fisheries Service Report                           | Brett Wiedoff    |
|     | a. Regulatory Activities   | Frank Lockhart   |
|     | b. Fisheries Science Center Activities                             | Michelle McClure |
|     | c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies |                  |
|     | d. Public Comment  |                  |
|     | e. Council Discussion  |                  |