

FINAL ACTION ON INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2017 AND 2018

Management measures for groundfish are set by the Council with the general understanding that these measures will likely need to be adjusted within the biennium to attain, but not exceed, the annual catch limits. This agenda item will consider progress to date of the groundfish fisheries, including activities under exempted fishing permits, as well as routine inseason adjustments to remaining 2017 fisheries and 2018 fisheries. Potential inseason adjustments include adjustments to Rockfish Conservation Area boundaries and adjustments to commercial and recreational fishery catch limits. Adjustments are, in part, based on recent landings and the latest information from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program.

Pacific Whiting Set-Asides

Under this agenda item, the Council is also scheduled to adopt yield set-asides to accommodate the incidental mortality of Pacific whiting in 2018 research activities and in the pink shrimp fishery. This action has historically occurred in March; however, to facilitate National Marine Fisheries Service rulemaking, Council recommendations are requested in November under this agenda item. Attachment 1 contains information on the historical mortality of Pacific whiting in research and pink shrimp fisheries from 2011 to 2016.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt final inseason adjustments for 2017 and 2018 as necessary, to achieve, but not exceed, annual catch limits and other management objectives.**
- 2. Adopt Pacific whiting yield set-asides for 2018.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.13, Attachment 1: Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp.

Agenda Order:

- F.13 Final Action on Inseason Adjustments for 2017 and 2018 Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides for 2018 and Final Inseason Adjustments for 2017 and 2018 as Necessary, to Achieve, but Not Exceed, Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives