

## NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region (WCR) provided a report on recent groundfish and halibut notices posted in the *Federal Register* (Agenda Item H.1.a, NMFS Report 1). The WCR will provide a report regarding the rulemaking plan for 2018, a progress report regarding the protection of confidential information as described in Section 402 of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act (2007), a report on discards in the midwater trawl whiting fishery since November 2017, and cost recovery. The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) will report on groundfish-related science and research activities.

### **Council Task:**

#### **Discussion.**

#### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item H.1.a, NMFS Report 1: Groundfish and Halibut *Federal Register* Notices.

#### **Agenda Order:**

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| H.1 | National Marine Fisheries Service Report                        | Brett Wiedoff    |
| a.  | Regulatory Activities   | Frank Lockhart   |
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