

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region (WCR) plans to provide a supplemental report on recent groundfish and Pacific halibut notices posted in the *Federal Register* as well as updated rulemaking plans for 2018. In addition to the anticipated WCR discussion, the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) plans to update the Council on vessel monitoring system (VMS) technology changes and data sharing agreements, as well as discuss OLE's interest in evaluation of new VMS units for type-approval.

The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFS) will provide brief updates to the Council on groundfish-related science and research activities. The NWFS has produced four reports: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2017 U.S. West Coast Fisheries (Agenda Item I.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 1, **Electronic only**), Pacific Halibut Bycatch in U.S. West Coast Fisheries: 2002-2017 (Agenda Item I.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 2, **Electronic only**), Marine Mammal Mortality in U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries: 2002-2016 (Agenda Item I.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 3, **Electronic only**), and Seabird Mortality in U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries: 2002-2016 (Agenda Item I.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 4, **Electronic only**).

Council Action:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 1: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2017 U.S. West Coast Fisheries (**Electronic only**).
2. Agenda Item I.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 2: Pacific Halibut Bycatch in U.S. West Coast Fisheries (2002-2017) (**Electronic only**).
3. Agenda Item I.1 b, NMFS NWFS Report 3: Marine Mammal Mortality in U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries (2002-2016) (**Electronic only**).
4. Agenda Item I.1 b, NMFS NWFS Report 4: Seabird Mortality in U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries: 2002-2016) (**Electronic only**).

Agenda Order:

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| I.1 | National Marine Fisheries Service Report | Todd Phillips |
| a. | Regulatory Activities | Aja Szumylo |
| b. | Fisheries Science Center Activities | Michelle McClure |
| c. | Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| d. | Public Comment | |
| e. | Council Discussion | |