INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS – FINAL ACTION

The management measures for groundfish are set by the Council with the general understanding that these measures will need to be adjusted within the biennium to attain, but not exceed, the annual catch limits (ACL). This agenda item will consider progress to date of the groundfish fisheries as well as routine inseason adjustments to the 2018 fisheries. Potential routine inseason adjustments include adjustments to Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) 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.

Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Surplus Carryover

At past March meetings, the Council has provided recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding the issuance of the prior year surplus carryover quota pounds (QP) into the current year's shorebased IFQ program. However, due to the partial government shutdown, data used to inform the Council's decision-making process were unable to be finalized. NMFS is expected to speak to this subject at this meeting and provide detail as to when they expect to have these data available for analysis by the Council's groundfish advisory bodies.

Council Action:

Consider projections for the 2019 fisheries and adopt inseason adjustments, as necessary.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.5.b, Public Comment (**Electronic Only**, see e-portal)

Agenda Order:

G.5 Inseason Adjustments – Final Action.

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2019 as Necessary to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives

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