

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region (WCR) is expected to briefly update the Council regarding recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries and issues of interest to the Council, as well as update the Council regarding rulemaking plans for 2019. The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFS) will also briefly report on groundfish-related science and research activities.

In addition, the NWFS has produced two reports: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2018 U.S. West Coast Fisheries, and Pacific Halibut Bycatch in U.S. West Coast Fisheries: 2002-2018. These reports are listed below under Reference Materials as Agenda Item H.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 1-2, respectively, and are available only in electronic format. Additionally, NWFS provided the tables from the Groundfish Mortality Report as a Microsoft Excel file, which is also provided in electronic format only.

Council Action:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.1.a, NMFS Report 1: Groundfish and Halibut *Federal Register* Notices.
2. Agenda Item H.1.a, NMFS Report 2: California Groundfish Collective EFP
3. Agenda Item H.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 1: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2018 U.S. West Coast Fisheries (**Electronic only**).
4. Agenda Item H.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 2: Pacific Halibut Bycatch in U.S. West Coast Fisheries (2002-2018) (**Electronic only**).
5. Agenda Item H.1.b, NMFS NWFS Report 3: Groundfish Mortality Report Tables –Excel file (**Electronic Only**).
6. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

H.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

- a. Regulatory Activities
- b. Fisheries Science Center Activities
- c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

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