INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING WHITING YIELD SET-ASIDES FOR 2020 – FINAL ACTION

Management measures for groundfish are set by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (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 2019 fisheries and 2020 fisheries. Potential inseason adjustments include adjustments to catch limits, season structure, and other items relevant to inseason management of the fishery. Adjustments are, in part, based on recent landings and the latest information from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program.

Pacific Whiting Yield 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 2020 research activities and in the pink shrimp fishery. Attachment 1 (Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 1: Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp, 2011-2018) contains information on the historical mortality of Pacific whiting in research and pink shrimp fisheries from 2011 to 2018 for Council review.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt final inseason adjustments for 2019 and 2020 as necessary, to achieve, but not exceed, annual catch limits and other management objectives.
- 2. Adopt Pacific whiting yield set-asides for 2020.

Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 1: Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp, 2011-2018.
- 2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

Agenda Order:

- H.10 Inseason Adjustments Including Whiting Yield Set-Asides
 - for 2020 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 as Necessary to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives, and Adopt Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides for 2020

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