ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON FINAL ACTION TO ADOPT MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND ELECTRONIC FISHING PERMITS FOR 2021-2022 FISHERIES

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed the material associated with Agenda Item F.1, Groundfish management measures for 2021 and 2022 and have the following comments.

F.1.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2: The EC supports Option 4 in the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) Report 2, no ratio limit for yellowtail rockfish during the commercial salmon troll fishery. The ratio can be difficult to enforce while on the water and is typically enforced dockside at the time of landing. The EC would support and prefer not having a ratio regulation if possible.

F.1.a, ODFW Report 1 and F.1.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1: the EC noted that both Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) are requesting an allowance for rockfish to be landed on the same fishing trip as halibut, which is currently prohibited. The EC has no concerns with retention of rockfish on halibut landings and appreciates ODFW and WDFW working towards consistent regulations related to what rockfish species are allowed to be retained.

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