

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region will provide updates on rulemakings and notices posted in the *Federal Register* as well as updating the Council regarding deadlines and rulemaking plans for 2020 (Supplemental Agenda Item C.1, NMFS Report 1). They will also update the Council on any overarching COVID-19 related issues.

The NMFS Northwest (NWFSC) and Southwest Fishery Science Centers are expected to update the Council on science and research activities. The NWFSC has provided two reports for Council discussion. The first report details Pacific Halibut Bycatch from 2002-2019 (Agenda Item C.1, NWFSC Report 1) and the second report describes Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in 2019 West Coast Fisheries (Agenda Item C.1, NWFSC Report 3). The NWFSC has also provided the supporting data found in the reports as MS Excel files (Agenda Item C.1, NWFSC Report 2 *Electronic Only* and Agenda Item C.1, NWFSC Report 4, *Electronic Only*).

Council Action:

Discussion and guidance, as appropriate.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.1.a, NWFSC Report 1: Pacific Halibut Bycatch 2002-2019.
2. Agenda Item C.1.a, NWFSC Report 2: Pacific Halibut Mortality Estimates – Workbook (*Electronic Only*)
3. Agenda Item C.1.a, NWFSC Report 3: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2019 U.S. West Coast Fisheries
4. Agenda Item C.1.a, NWFSC Report 4: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2019 U.S. West Coast Fisheries – Workbook (*Electronic Only*)
5. *Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental NMFS Report 1.*
6. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report Barry Thom and Ryan Wulff
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate