

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region is expected to briefly update the Council regarding recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries and issues of interest to the Council, including cost recovery and electronic monitoring. NMFS has provided two reports regarding cost recovery for the Council to consider in its discussions under this agenda item (Agenda Item G.2.a, NMFS Report 1 and Agenda Item G.2.a, NMFS Report 2). NMFS will update the Council as to its workload and rulemaking plans for 2020.

The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) plans to update to the Council on the current status of groundfish-related science and research activities under this agenda item. Additionally, the NWFSC produced two groundfish fishery bycatch reports: “Observed and Estimated Total Bycatch of Salmon in the 2002-2019 U.S. West Coast Fisheries” (Agenda Item G.2.b, NMFS Report 1) and “Seabird Bycatch in the U.S. West Coast Fisheries (2002-2018)” (Agenda Item G.2.b, NMFS Report 3). The accompanying data for salmon bycatch (Agenda Item G.2.b, NMFS Report 2) and seabird bycatch (Agenda Item G.2.b, NMFS Report 4) are available in electronic format only and are available for download as an Excel workbook on the Council’s Briefing Book webpage. NWFSC staff will be available to discuss the findings of these reports with the Council.

Council Action:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.2.a, NMFS Report 1: Cost Recovery Calculations for the Mothership and Catcher-Processor Sectors.
2. Agenda Item G.2.a, NMFS Report 2: NMFS Response to the September 2020, Supplemental GAP Report on Cost Recovery.
3. Agenda Item G.2.b, NMFS Report 1: Cover Sheet: Observed and Estimated Total Bycatch of Salmon in the 2002-2019 U.S. West Coast Fisheries.
4. Agenda Item G.2.b, NMFS Report 2: Observed and Estimated Total Bycatch of Salmon in the 2002-2019 U.S. West Coast Fisheries – Data (**Excel File, Electronic Only**).
5. Agenda Item G.2.b, NMFS Report 3: Seabird Bycatch in the U.S. West Coast Fisheries (2002-2018).
6. Agenda Item G.2.b, NMFS Report 4: Seabird Bycatch in the U.S. West Coast Fisheries (2002-2018) – Data (**Excel File, Electronic Only**).
7. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- G.2 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 and Guidance, as Appropriate

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