

INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2020 AND 2021 INCLUDING PACIFIC WHITING SET-
ASIDES FOR 2021 – 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, routine inseason adjustments to remaining 2020 fisheries and 2021 fisheries, as well as 2021 yield set-asides for Pacific whiting. Potential inseason adjustments include adjustments to catch limits, season structure, and other items relevant to inseason management of the fishery.

Additionally, as discussed under the Pacific halibut management Agenda Item E.3 Non-Indian Commercial-Directed Fishery Regulations for 2021, the incidental bycatch of yelloweye rockfish in that fishery was higher than expected. The Groundfish Management Team is expected to update the Council on potential impacts of this issue on the groundfish fishery.

Pacific Whiting Set-Asides

The Council is also scheduled to adopt yield set-asides to accommodate the incidental mortality of Pacific whiting in 2021 research activities and in the pink shrimp fishery. The mortality of Pacific whiting in these fisheries from 2011 through 2019 is provided in Attachment 1 (Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1: Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp, 2011-2019) for the Council to consider in their decision-making process for this action.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt final inseason adjustments for 2020 and 2021 as necessary, to achieve, but not exceed, annual catch limits and other management objectives.**
- 2. Adopt Pacific whiting yield set-asides for 2021.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1: Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp, 2011-2019.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- G.3 Inseason Adjustments for 2020 and 2021 Including Pacific Whiting Set-Asides for 2021 – Final Action Todd Phillips
- 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 2021

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