# NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region will provide updates to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) regarding rulemakings and notices posted in the *Federal Register* as well as updating the Council on its current workload and future rulemaking plans for 2021. Additionally, NMFS intends to provide a report on development of the non-trawl logbook for Council discussion.

NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) will discuss current groundfish-related science and research activities with the Council. The NWFSC has provided two reports for Council discussion: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2020 West Coast Fisheries (Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report 1) and the Pacific Halibut Bycatch for 2002-2020 (Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report 3). In addition, the NWFSC has provided the associated tables to these two reports, labeled as Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report 2: Groundfish Mortality Report Tables and Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report 4: Pacific Halibut Bycatch Tables. These files are available as downloadable Excel workbooks.

# **Council Action**:

# Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate.

# Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report 1: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2020 U.S. West Coast Fisheries
- 2. Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report 2: Groundfish Mortality Report Tables (Excel file, Electronic Only).
- 3. Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report 3: Pacific Halibut Bycatch in U.S. West Coast Fisheries (2002-2020).
- 4. Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report 4: Pacific Halibut Bycatch Tables *(Excel file, Electronic Only)*.
- 5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

# Agenda Order:

- C.1 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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