

## NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region is expected to briefly update the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) regarding recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries and issues of interest to the Council including, its current workload and rulemaking plans for 2021.

The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) is expected to discuss current groundfish-related science and research activities with the Council. Additionally, the NWFSC has provided two reports, the first details the Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2021 West Coast Fisheries (Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 1) and the second describes the Pacific Halibut Bycatch for 2002-2020 (Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 3). In addition, the NWFSC has provided the associated tables to these two reports, labeled as Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 2: Groundfish Mortality Report Tables (*electronic only*) and Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 4: Pacific Halibut Bycatch Tables (*electronic only*). The data tables are available in electronic format as downloadable MS Excel files. Further, the NWFSC has provided an infographic regarding Pacific halibut bycatch as Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 5.

### **Council Action:**

**Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 1: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2021 West Coast Fisheries.
2. Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 2: Groundfish Mortality Report Tables (*Electronic Only*).
3. Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 3: Pacific Halibut Bycatch 2002-2020.
4. Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 4: Pacific Halibut Bycatch Tables (*Electronic Only*).
5. Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 5: Pacific Halibut Bycatch Infographic.
6. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

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| G.1 | National Marine Fisheries Service Report                        | Todd Phillips |
| a.  | Regulatory Activities   | Keeley Kent   |
| b.  | Fisheries Science Center Activities                             | Craig Russell |
| c.  | Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies |               |
| d.  | Public Comment  |               |
| e.  | Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate                 |               |