# INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING PACIFIC WHITING SET-ASIDES – 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, as well as routine inseason adjustments for the remainder of 2022 and 2023. Potential inseason adjustments include adjustments to catch limits, season structure, and other items relevant to inseason management of the fishery. Adjustments are, in part, based on recent landings and the latest information from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program.

## Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides

The Council is also scheduled to adopt yield set-asides to accommodate the incidental mortality of Pacific whiting in 2023 research activities and in the pink shrimp fishery under this agenda item. Agenda Item H.6, Attachment 1 provides information on the historical mortality of Pacific whiting in research and pink shrimp fisheries for the Council to consider in their discussion.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt final inseason adjustments for 2022 and 2023 as necessary, to achieve, but not exceed, annual catch limits and other management objectives.
- 2. Adopt Pacific whiting yield set-asides for 2023.

#### Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item H.6, Attachment 1: Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp Fisheries.
- 2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

### Agenda Order:

H.6 Inseason Adjustments Including Pacific Whiting Set-Asides – Final Action

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2022 and 2023, including 2023 Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides

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