

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. NMFS is expected to inform the Council regarding the proposed rule for the listing of sunflower sea star as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (Agenda Item G.1.a, NMFS Report 1 [*electronic only*]).

The NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) is expected to discuss current groundfish-related science and research activities with the Council. The NWFSC has provided an updated version of the Pacific halibut bycatch from 2002-2021 (Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 1) as well as its accompanying MS Excel file (Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 2 [*electronic only*]), which provide updates and corrections to the versions presented to the Council in September 2022.

Council Action:

Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1.a, NMFS Report 1: Draft Proposed Rule to List the Sunflower Sea Star as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act. (*Electronic Only*)
2. Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 1: Pacific Halibut Bycatch in U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries, 2002 – 2021 (update and correction).
3. Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 2: Pacific Halibut Bycatch in the U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries, 2002-2021 Tables. (*Electronic Only*)
4. 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 | Ryan Wulff |
| 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 | |