

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 brief the Council on the stipulated settlement agreement (Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1, September 2023) on the humpback whale lawsuit brought against NMFS by the Center of Biological Diversity.

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 the Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2022 West Coast Fisheries report and the associated data for Council discussion in Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Reports 1 and Report 2 (*Electronic Only*), respectively.

Council Action:

Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1: Humpback Whale Stipulated Settlement Agreement.
2. Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 1: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2022 U.S. West Coast Fisheries.
3. Agenda Item G.1.b, NWFSC Report 2: Groundfish Mortality Report Tables (*Electronic Only*).
4. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see the [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 | |