

## FINAL INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2023 AND 2024, INCLUDING 2024 WHITING SET-ASIDES – PART I

Under this agenda item, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will be informed by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) regarding the status of the groundfish fishery relative to harvest goals and objectives. The Council will consider, as appropriate, inseason adjustments to routine groundfish management measures to attain, but not exceed, the annual catch limits. Inseason adjustments are, in part, based on recent landings data and the latest information from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program. The most recent groundfish landings data are available on PacFIN's [APEX website](#) in report GMT007. The GMT and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) are expected to provide reports to the Council for this agenda item.

Given the large number of inseason adjustments anticipated, the Council has two opportunities to consider inseason adjustments for 2023 and 2024 (Agenda Item E.3 and Agenda Item E.9). The Council should make as much progress as possible under Agenda Item E.3 and provide, as necessary, additional guidance to the GMT and GAP for remaining actions under Agenda Item E.9.

### *Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides*

The Council is also scheduled to adopt yield set-asides to accommodate the incidental mortality of Pacific whiting in 2024 research activities and in the pink shrimp fishery under this agenda item. Attachment 1 (Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 1: Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp, 2011-2022) provides the historical mortality of Pacific whiting in research and pink shrimp fisheries from 2011 to 2022 for Council review.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt final inseason adjustments for 2023 and 2024 as necessary, to achieve, but not exceed, annual catch limits and other management objectives, as appropriate.**
- 2. Adopt Pacific whiting yield set-asides for 2024.**
- 3. Identify any additional inseason adjustments for Agenda Item E.9 Inseason Adjustments 2023 –2024 Part II, as appropriate, for analysis.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 1: Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp, 2011-2022.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

- E.3 Final Inseason Adjustments for 2023 and 2024, Including 2024 Whiting Set-Asides – Part I
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment

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- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2023 and 2024, as Necessary;  
Adopt Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides for 2024

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