

CORRECTION TO THE PACIFIC SAND LANCE SCIENTIFIC NAME AND THE COMMON NAME FOR PACIFIC SPINY DOGFISH IN FEDERAL REGULATION

Summary

The Council is asked to consider adding an administrative measure to the 2025-26 harvest specification and management measures process to: 1) correct the scientific name of Pacific sand lance in Federal regulation and 2) correct the common name of spiny dogfish in Federal regulation.

Background

Recently, a discrepancy between the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Federal regulation was identified. The scientific name of Pacific sand lance and the common name of Pacific spiny dogfish are not the same in both documents. Council action is necessary to correct the issue. The request is for the Council to consider adding this administrative change to the 2025-26 harvest specification and management measures process to direct the National Marine Fisheries Service to make necessary corrections.

Pacific Sand Lance

The scientific name for Pacific sand lance at CFR 50 §660.5 (a)(3) Shared Ecosystem Component Species is incorrectly listed as *Ammodytes hexapterus*. The correct scientific name for this species is *Ammodytes personatus*. The scientific name was changed per the findings of Orr et al. 2015.

Pacific Spiny Dogfish

The common name for spiny dogfish (*Squalus suckleyi*) has changed to include “Pacific.” The correct common name is Pacific Spiny Dogfish (Ebert et al, 2010; Page et al. 2013). The corrections to the common name would occur at the following sections¹ in 50 CFR and trawl and fixed gear trip limit tables (not listed):

- [§660.11 General Definitions “Groundfish” \(1\) Sharks](#)
- [§660.50\(f\)\(8\)](#)
- [§660.60\(c\)\(1\)\(i\)](#)
- [Table 1a to Part 660, Subpart C, Title 50 and at footnote dd](#)
- [Table 2a to Part 660, Subpart C, Title 50 and at footnote dd](#)
- [§660.130\(d\)\(1\)\(i\)](#)
- [§660.230\(c\)\(2\)\(i\)](#)
- [§660.330\(c\)\(2\)\(i\)](#)

¹ NMFS is expected to make additional corrections, as appropriate.

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