INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS – FINAL ACTION

Groundfish management measures are set by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) with the general understanding that these measures will 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 fishery as well as routine inseason adjustments to the 2024 fisheries, as appropriate. Adjustments are, in part, based on recent landings data and the latest information from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program. Additionally, at the November 2023 meeting, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) indicated it was considering changes to marine recreational fisheries off California. CDFW is expected to discuss adjustments to this fishery with the Council at this meeting.

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) are expected to report to the Council under this agenda item regarding any inseason adjustments. The most recent groundfish landings data are available on PacFIN's APEX website <u>https://pacfin.psmfc.org/reports/</u> in report <u>GMT007</u>.

Further, at the September 2023 Council meeting, the whiting cooperatives were invited to speak at this meeting in regards to their efforts to develop inter-cooperative agreement. The Council should expect briefings on their progress.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider projections for the 2024 fisheries.
- 2. Adopt 2024 inseason adjustments, as necessary.

Reference Materials:

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

Agenda Order:

F.8 Inseason Adjustments

- **Todd Phillips**
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Action: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2024

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