

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT – INCLUDING SABLEFISH
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION UPDATE

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region is expected to briefly update the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) regarding recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries and issues of interest to the Council including its current workload and rulemaking plans for 2024.

NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) is expected to discuss recent groundfish-related science and research activities with the Council, including an update regarding Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for sablefish. The NWFSC has also provided the annual Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2023 West Coast Fisheries report (Agenda Item I.1.b, NWFSC Report 1) and the supporting data as a Microsoft Excel file (Agenda Item I.1.b, NWFSC Report 2) for Council consideration and discussion.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider the NMFS Report and Updates;**
- 2. Consider the NWFSC Reports and Updates;**
- 3. Discussion and Comment, as Appropriate.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.1.b, NWFSC Report 1: Estimated Discard and Catch of Groundfish Species in the 2023 U.S. West Coast Fisheries. **(Electronic Only)**.
2. Agenda Item I.1.b, NWFSC Report 2: Groundfish Mortality Report Tables **(Electronic Only)**.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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| I.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 Comment, as Appropriate | |