

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

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 and early 2025.

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 two reports for Council discussion. The first report is Pacific halibut bycatch in groundfish fisheries (Agenda Item E.1.b, NWFSC Report 1) and the report's data in MS Excel format (Agenda Item E.1.b, NWFSC Report 2). The second report relates to salmon bycatch in groundfish fisheries (Agenda Item E.1.b, NWFSC Report 3) which is accompanied by the report's data in MS Excel format (Agenda Item E.1.b, NWFSC Report 4). The Excel files are only available in electronic format, which can be downloaded.

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: Pacific Halibut Bycatch in U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries, 2002-2023.
2. Agenda Item I.1.b, NWFSC Report 2: Pacific Halibut Bycatch in U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries, 2002-2023– Excel File (**Electronic Only**).
3. Agenda Item I.1.b, NWFSC Report 3: Observed and Estimated Bycatch of Salmon in U.S. West Coast Fisheries, 2002-2023.
4. Agenda Item I.1.b, NWFSC Report 4: Observed and Estimated Bycatch of Salmon in U.S. West Coast Fisheries, 2002-2023 – Excel File (**Electronic Only**).
5. 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 | |