

INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS FOR 2025-2026 –
FINAL ACTION

Under this agenda item, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will consider three items, inseason adjustments, Pacific whiting annual catch limit deductions (i.e. 'off-the-top') in research and shrimp fisheries, and any remaining technical corrections for the 2025-2026 harvest specifications.

Inseason Adjustments

The 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.

Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides

The Council is also scheduled to adopt the yield set-asides to accommodate the incidental mortality of Pacific whiting in 2025 research activities and in the pink shrimp fishery under this agenda item. Attachment 1 provides reference information regarding Pacific whiting mortality in research and pink shrimp fisheries for Council review.

2025-2026 Groundfish Harvest Specifications Technical Corrections.

In the event any additional technical corrections to the 2025-2026 groundfish harvest specifications are identified, the Council will need to recommend these corrections to National Marine Fisheries Service. If errors in the overfishing limit (OFL) and/or acceptable biological catches (ABC) are found, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will need to review and recommend the corrections, as appropriate, to the Council.

The GMT, the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP), and SSC are expected to consider the Council action and provide reports to the Council to consider in their decision-making for this agenda item.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt final inseason adjustments for 2024 and 2025 as necessary, to achieve, but not exceed, annual catch limits and other management objectives, as appropriate.**
- 2. Adopt Pacific whiting yield set-asides for 2025.**
- 3. Consider any technical corrections to the 2025-2026 harvest specifications, as appropriate.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.6, Attachment 1: Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp, 2011-2023.

2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2024 and 2025, including Pacific Whiting Off the Top Bycatch Deductions; Technical Corrections to the 2025-2026 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures, as Appropriate

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