

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

Agenda Item J.1.a, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report 1 provides an update on the analysis of the range of alternatives adopted for authorizing a deep-set buoy gear the Council adopted in November 2018, including data available from exempted fishing permit activity. According to the current schedule, the Council will take final action on this proposal at the June 2019 meeting.

Ms. Jenny Suter, from the Pacific Fisheries Information Network (PacFIN), will give a short presentation to orient the Council on the work and future goals of the Eastern Pacific Highly Migratory Species Professional Specialty Group (EP HMS PSG). This group is composed of staff from NMFS West Coast Region, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, and PacFIN. The group focuses on the integration and reporting of West Coast HMS data.

Dr. Gerard DiNardo will update the Council on Southwest Fisheries Science Center activities.

Council Action:

Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item J.1.a, NMFS Report 1: Report on Highly Migratory Species Activities.

Agenda Order:

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