

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Region (NWR) will briefly report on recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries and issues of interest to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council). Recent *Federal Register* notices are provided in Agend Item F.3.b, Attachment 1. The NWR will also discuss the groundfish fishery consultation process for protected species, including the risk assessment (Agenda Item F.3.b, Attachment 2, [on *Briefing Book website and CD Only*]) and the biological opinion (Agenda Item F.3.b, Attachment 3 [on *Briefing Book website and CD Only*]).

NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) will also briefly report on groundfish-related science and research activities.

Council Task:

1. Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.3.b, Attachment 1: *Federal Register* Notices Published Since the Last Council Meeting.
2. Agenda Item F.3.b, Attachment 2: Risk Assessment of U.S. West Coast Groundfish Fisheries to Threatened and Endangered Marine Species (***On Briefing Book website and CD Only***).
3. Agenda Item F.3.b, Attachment 3: Endangered Species Act Section 7(a)(2) Biological Opinion and Section 7(a)(2) “Not Likely to Adversely Affect” Determination (***On Briefing Book website and CD Only***).

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Regulatory Activities
 - c. Fisheries Science Center Activities
 - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - e. Public Comment
 - f. Council Discussion
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