

## NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Region will present their routine report on recent regulatory developments relevant to groundfish fisheries and issues of interest to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council). Topics to be addressed in this briefing include:

- an update on implementation of Amendment 20,
- the partial disapproval of Amendment 23,
- tribal participation in the 2011 Pacific whiting fisheries,
- an update of the expected 2012 international Pacific whiting management process, and
- appropriate *Federal Register* notices since the November 2010 Council meeting.

Disapproval of Amendment 16-5 and matters associated with 2011-12 specifications and management measures will be discussed under Agenda Item H.2.

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

Reference materials under this agenda item include the NMFS letter regarding the approval status of Amendments 23 and 16-5 as well as relevant *Federal Register* notices. A letter from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife commenting on the partial disapproval of Amendment 23, as well as the proposed rule to implement the 2011-2012 harvest specifications and management measures, is cross referenced since this letter is included under Agenda Item H.2. The Quileute tribe submitted a letter expressing interest to participate in the 2011 Pacific whiting fisheries.

### **Council Task:**

#### **1. Discussion.**

#### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item H.1.b, Attachment 1: NMFS Letter Regarding the Partial Disapproval of Amendment 23 and Full Disapproval of Amendment 16-5.
2. Agenda Item H.1.b, Attachment 2: *Federal Register Notices* Published Since the Last Council Meeting.
3. Agenda Item H.2.b, WDFW Letter Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Public Comment Letter on the Proposed Rule to Implement the 2011-2012 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures and Amendments 16-5 and 23 (75FR67810).
4. Agenda Item H.1.c, Quileute Tribal Council Letter Regarding Participation in the 2011 Pacific Whiting Fishery.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. Regulatory Activities including Update on Implementation of  
Amendment 20 Frank Lockhart
- c. Fisheries Science Center Activities John Stein and John Ferguson
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. Council Discussion

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