

CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS – PART I

Management measures for the groundfish seasons are set by the Council with the general understanding these measures will likely need to be adjusted within the biennial management period to attain, but not exceed, the total catch optimum yield levels. This agenda item will consider inseason adjustments to ongoing 2011 fisheries. Potential inseason adjustments include adjustments to rockfish conservation area boundaries and adjustments to commercial and recreational fishery catch limits. Adjustments are, in part, based on catch estimate updates and the latest information from the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program. Changes to the total optimum yield levels will not be considered.

The Groundfish Management Team and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will meet prior to this agenda item to discuss and recommend inseason adjustments to 2011 groundfish fisheries. The Council will consider this agenda item on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, and make recommendations as necessary. If further consideration of inseason adjustments is warranted, Agenda Item H.6, Consideration of Inseason Adjustments – Part II, is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2011.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider information on the status of 2011 fisheries and adopt preliminary or final (if possible) inseason adjustments as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.4.c, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Preliminary or Final Recommendations for Adjustments to 2011 Groundfish Fisheries (Part II on Thursday if necessary)
- Kelly Ames

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