

PART 1 – INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS TO 2009 AND 2010 GROUND FISH FISHERIES

Management measures for 2009 and 2010 groundfish fisheries were set with the understanding that these measures would need to be adjusted throughout the biennium to stay within the optimum yields (OYs). This agenda item considers routine inseason adjustments to 2009 and 2010 management measures for ongoing commercial and recreational fisheries.

In addition to routine inseason adjustment matters, this agenda item considers adjustments to 2010 petrale sole and canary rockfish OYs stemming from the outcome of the most recent assessments for those species. Following the June 2009 Council meeting, NMFS and Council Staff developed an Environmental Assessment (EA) examining the impacts of reducing the petrale sole OY to 1,200 metric tons in 2010. This EA also examined the effect of measures to reduce the catch of canary rockfish. In September of 2009, the Council voted to provide notice that it “intends to review our 2010 management measures and/or OYs for petrale sole and canary rockfish in response to the recent stock assessment results for those two species. The Council may elect to adjust management measures for 2010 at the November 2009 Council meeting.” Following the September Council meeting, rebuilding analyses for both petrale sole and canary rockfish were made available which provide additional information.

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel and the Groundfish Management Team will begin meeting on Saturday, October 31, 2009, to consider inseason adjustments to 2009 and 2010 groundfish fisheries. The Council will consider this agenda item on Monday, November 2, 2009, and make recommendations as necessary. If further consideration of inseason adjustments is warranted, Agenda Item G.10, Final Consideration of Inseason Adjustments, is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2009.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider information on the status of ongoing 2009 and 2010 fisheries and adopt inseason adjustments as necessary.**
- 2. Consider information on the status of petrale sole and canary rockfish and adopt revised OYs for 2010 as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

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

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Merrick Burden
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt preliminary or final adjustments to 2009 and 2010 groundfish fisheries, including adjustments to petrale sole and canary rockfish OYs