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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

Availability of Secretarial Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan and publication of a proposed rule – Request for Public Comments

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces availability of Secretarial Amendment 1 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and the publication of a proposed rule.

Secretarial Amendment 1 would modify the FMP to add an overfished species rebuilding plan for petrale sole and revise existing overfished species rebuilding plans. In addition, Secretarial Amendment 1 would modify the default proxy values for FMSY and BMSY as they apply to the flatfish species, including petrale sole; and the harvest control rule policies. Finally the amendment makes non-substantive changes and updates factual information.

The specifications proposed in the rule include: Final 2012 ACLs for non-overfished species and overfished species; 2012 OFLs, ABCs and ACLs for assessed flatfish species; Shorebased trawl allocations for lingcod; Vessel and Accumulation limits for lingcod; Trawl and non-trawl allocations for overfished species and assessed flatfish species and updated sablefish tier amounts (correction to 2012 amounts). Additionally, tables containing OFL, ABC and ACL specifications are updated.

Comments on Secretarial Amendment 1 and the proposed rule must be received on or before November 8, 2011. See Attached Federal Register notice for complete instructions on submitting public comment and for more detailed description of the purpose and function of the amendment and proposed rule.

For more information contact: NMFS Northwest Region at 206-526-6140 or visit our website at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>, under the "Programs" banner click on "Fishery/Harvest Management", then "Groundfish"

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