

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR JUNE 24-25, 2020

**7. GROUND FISH (CONSENT)****Today's Item**Information Action 

Consider authorizing publication of notice of intent to amend recreational and commercial groundfish regulations to conform to federal regulations and modify state-managed fishery regulations.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

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| • <b>Today's notice hearing</b> | <b>Jun 24-25, 2020; Webinar/teleconference</b> |
| • Discussion hearing            | Aug 19-20, 2020; Fortuna                       |
| • Adoption hearing              | Oct 14-15, 2020; Oakland                       |

**Background**

FGC biennially adopts recreational and commercial fishing regulations for federal groundfish and associated species as necessary for consistency with federal rules that go into effect Jan 1 of odd-numbered years.

At its Jun 10-19, 2020 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommended recreational fishing regulations for federally-managed groundfish species for the 2021-2022 management cycle. The proposed action will require amending several state regulations to maintain consistency with the federal regulations that are expected to go into effect on or around Jan 1, 2021. In addition, DFW is proposing modifications to state-defined commercial trip limits for cabezon and greenling to stay within federally-established commercial harvest limits.

The initial statement of reasons for regulatory action (ISOR) is being prepared with the conclusion of the Jun 2020 PFMC meeting. Changes to recreational fishing regulations may include, but are not limited to, allowable fishing depths, bag/sub-bag limits, and allowable methods of take. Changes to commercial fishing regulations may include, but are not limited to, trip limits for cabezon and greenling.

DFW is expected to provide additional information regarding PFMC's final recommendations in the supplemental handouts for this meeting.

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendation**

**FGC staff:** Authorize publication of the notice as recommended by DFW under a motion to adopt the consent calendar.

**DFW:** Authorize publication of a notice of intent to amend recreational and commercial fishing regulations for federal groundfish and associated species as necessary for consistency with federal rules for 2021 and 2022 and state-defined commercial trip limits for cabezon and greenling, as described in the DFW memo (Exhibit 1).

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**Exhibits**

1. [DFW memo](#), received May 29, 2020

**Motion/Direction**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 6-7 on the consent calendar.

## Memorandum

Date: May 28, 2020

To: Melissa Miller-Henson, Executive Director  
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham  
Director

**Subject: Agenda Item for the June 24-25, 2020 Fish and Game Commission Meeting,  
Re: Recreational and Commercial Fishing Regulations for Federal Groundfish  
and Associated Species for Consistency with Federal Rules for 2021 and 2022**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council will recommend recreational fishing regulations for federally managed groundfish species for the 2021-2022 management cycle at its June 10-19, 2020 meeting. This action will require amendment of several state regulations to maintain consistency. In addition, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is proposing modification of state-defined commercial trip limits for cabezon and greenling to promote attainment of federally-established commercial harvest limits.

To ensure conforming state regulations are in place before fishing begins in 2021, the Department requests the Fish and Game Commission authorize publication of notice of its intent to amend recreational and commercial fishing regulations for federally managed groundfish species at its June 24, 2020 meeting. Approval of this request will allow for discussion and possible adoption at the August 19-20, 2020 and October 14-15, 2020 Commission meetings, respectively.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Craig Shuman, Marine Regional Manager at (916) 373-5491. The public notice for this rulemaking should identify Environmental Scientist, Laura Ryley, as the Department's point of contact for this rulemaking. Her contact information is (831) 649-7142 or [Laura.Ryley@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Laura.Ryley@wildlife.ca.gov).

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