State of California
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Memorandum

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To: Sonke Mastrup
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: **Agenda Item for the August 6, 2014 Fish and Game Commission Meeting re: Publication of Notice to Amend Recreational Fishing Regulations for Federal Groundfish and Associated Species for 2015 and 2016.**

On June 24, 2014, the Pacific Fishery Management Council took final action regarding recreational fishing regulations for federally-managed groundfish species for the 2015-2016 management cycle. In order to have conforming State regulations in place before fishing begins in 2015, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests that the Commission authorize publication of notice of its intent to consider amendment of its recreational fishing regulations for federally-managed groundfish species at its August 6, 2014 meeting. In addition, the Department requests the Commission consider amending recreational fishing regulations for several state-managed species which associate with federal groundfish at the same meeting.

The Department's Initial Statement of Reasons, which is attached, proposes regulatory changes needed to align state regulations with federal regulations expected to be in effect for 2015 and 2016. The changes modify seasons and or depth constraints for federally-managed groundfish and state-managed species which associate with federal groundfish in four of the five management areas, increase the bag limit for lingcod, and revise the list of federal groundfish species. Other changes are proposed to correct scientific names and spelling errors, and for clarity and consistency.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Craig Shuman, Regional Manager of the Marine Region at (805) 568-1246 or by email at craig.shuman@wildlife.ca.gov.

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