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## Action Memo

**File Number:**Catch 13-003

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**Agenda Date**12/9/2013

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**Eric Olson, Chairman**  
**Chris Oliver, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion Paper on Cooperative Reporting Requirements

**ESTIMATED TIME:**

6 hours (all Fishing Cooperative Issues)

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Review Discussion Paper

**BACKGROUND:**

During the April 2013 meeting, the Council heard presentations from most cooperative representatives. Although the Council was not required to take action on these reports, a broad discussion arose after the presentations and during staff tasking. Concerns were expressed on the variability of information being reported by the cooperative representatives both in written form and in their presentations. The Council determined that an up-to-date synopsis of current mandatory and voluntary elements of the reports would benefit reporting parties, the Council members, and the public. The Council requested staff to provide a discussion paper on the cooperative reports, as well as any annual stakeholder report in a comprehensive and structured way so that these reports may be used as effectively as possible. Specifically, the Council was interested in the regulatory requirements for cooperative reports, a summary of what is usually provided in the reports, and a discussion on applicability of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to Council requests for additional information. The discussion paper was mailed on November 27 and is attached as **Item C-8(a)**.