

PROPOSED AGENDA
Salmon Advisory Subpanel

Pacific Fishery Management Council
Red Lion Hotel Sacramento
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March 10-14, 2003

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003- 8 A.M.^{1/}

A. Call to Order and Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) Administrative Matters Don Stevens

1. Role Call (Sign Attendance Roster)
2. Selection of Subpanel Officers
3. Review of Agenda

Priority Agenda Items for Monday are B.2, B.3, B.4, and B.5

B. Salmon Management

2. Final Review of Methodology Changes to the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) (Council Agenda B.2, Tuesday morning)

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will be receiving a briefing from the SSC salmon subcommittee and the modelers at 9:30 a.m. Monday. The SAS may want to have someone sit in on that briefing.

3. Review of 2002 Fisheries and Summary of 2003 Stock Abundance Estimates (Council Agenda B.3, Tuesday morning)

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) should schedule the Salmon Technical Team (STT) to join the meeting at 8:30 am and respond to technical questions regarding the 2002 fisheries and 2003 abundance projections. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) should be able to provide some guidance on requirements for listed species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

4. Inseason Management Recommendations for Openings Prior to May 1 North of Cape Falcon (Council Agenda B.4, Tuesday, late morning)

The Council could recommend early commercial and recreational openings north of Cape Falcon; however, at the November 2002 Council meeting no such fisheries were anticipated, and no STT analysis of impacts for such fisheries was requested. It is unlikely the Council will act on this item.

5. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2003 Salmon Management Options (Council Agenda B.5 on Tuesday afternoon; Item B.9 on Wednesday afternoon; Item B.10 on Thursday afternoon; Item B.12 on Friday afternoon)

1/ The meeting will continue on Tuesday to complete the SAS agenda and as necessary during the week to advise the Council on the selection of final options on Friday.

The SAS should have its preliminary management options completed in time to allow editing, collation, and copying in the Council Secretariat. Council staff can provide forms and some assistance to help draft the options. Please follow the guidance in Exhibit B.5, Attachment 1 (Council briefing book) as much as possible. We would like your final input no later than 10 a.m., Tuesday morning. Please work with the Council staff to coordinate your efforts and forms.

Limit options to the least number that adequately cover a realistic range of allowable harvests and meet fishery management plan objectives. Initial definition of the management elements in the options will be completed by the Council at day's end on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the STT will return with the management elements collated into coastwide options for Council approval before beginning a full analysis. There is an opportunity for Council direction on Thursday afternoon if necessary. Final adoption of the options will occur on Friday.

Information on any new requirements for stocks listed under the ESA should be available from NMFS at the meeting.

E. Pacific Halibut Management

3. Proposed 2003 Incidental Catch Regulations for the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries (Council Agenda F.3, Wednesday afternoon)

The SAS must also provide options for the incidental halibut harvest restrictions in the commercial salmon fishery off Washington and Oregon. The incidental halibut harvest allocation of 39,300 pounds is the same as the 2002 allocation. The SAS will need to recommend a range of landing restrictions for the troll salmon options to allow utilization of the incidental halibut harvest without undue risk of exceeding the halibut quota.

C. Habitat Issues

1. Essential Fish Habitat Issues (Council Agenda C.1, Wednesday morning)

The Habitat Committee (HC) will make its recommendations to the Council on Wednesday morning. If the SAS has any habitat comments, they may be made through the SAS liaison with the HC or directly to the Council during the habitat agenda.

D. Marine Reserves

1. Considerations for Integrating Marine Reserves with Effective Fishery Management (Council Agenda D.1, Wednesday morning)

The Council will hear a presentation on the use of marine reserves as fishery management tool from Drs. Jane Lubchenco, Mark Hixon, and Dave Fluharty. Council Action is not required for this item.

2. Update on Marine Reserves Activities (Council Agenda D.2, Wednesday morning)

This is an informational item, which the Council will hear Wednesday morning.

3. Planning for Federal Waters Portion of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) (Council Agenda D.3, Wednesday morning)

The Council will hear this item Wednesday late morning or early afternoon. The Council could take action at this time, if necessary.

B. Salmon Management (Continued)

6. Status of Model Evaluation Work Group (Council Agenda B.6, Wednesday afternoon)

The Council will hear a report on the formation of the Model Evaluation Workgroup, including proposed composition and leadership, and interface with the Council's existing Salmon Methodology Review process. Council Action is not required for this item.

The SSC will discuss this issue late morning or early afternoon Monday. The SAS may want to have someone sit in on that discussion.

7. Status of Marking Programs for Selective Fisheries (Council Agenda B.7, Wednesday afternoon)

The Council will receive a briefing from the STT on the extent of chinook mass marking programs and associated target fisheries. Council Action is not required for this item.

8. Conservation Objectives for Central Valley Winter and Spring Chinook (Council Agenda B.8, Wednesday afternoon).

The Council will hear a report from the Sacramento River Winter and Spring Chinook Workgroup on the process of developing conservation objectives for these two ESA-listed stocks. The Council will respond to any recommendations made by the Workgroup.

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