

PROPOSED AGENDA

Salmon Advisory Subpanel

Sheraton Tacoma Hotel
Main Hall E
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March 8-12, 2004

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004 - 8 A.M.

A. Call to Order

Don Stevens

1. Role Call (Sign Attendance Roster)
2. Introduction of New Members
3. Election of Officers
4. Review of Agenda

C. Salmon Management

1. Update on the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) Coho Fishery Regulatory Assessment Model (FRAM) for 2004 Salmon Management (Council Agenda C.1, Tuesday morning)

The STT has a prepared a statement on this agenda item included in the briefing materials (Exhibit C.2.b, STT Report). The SAS is not expected to have a statement on this item.

2. Review of 2003 Fisheries and Summary of 2004 Stock Abundance Estimates (Council Agenda C.2, Tuesday morning)

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) should schedule the Salmon Technical Team (STT) to join the meeting at 8:30 a.m. and respond to technical questions regarding the 2003 fisheries and 2004 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), including possible changes to Snake River fall consultation standards for 2004.

3. Inseason Management Recommendations for Seasons Prior to May 1 for the Commercial Fishery Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena (Fort Bragg Area) (Council Agenda C.3, Tuesday, late morning)

The Council could recommend an early commercial opening in the Fort Bragg area. The SAS should prepare a statement regarding this potential action, either in support of or not; and if in support, suggest dates and other regulations such as size limits, landing restrictions, etc.

4. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2004 Salmon Management Options (Council Agenda C.4 on Tuesday afternoon; Item C.6 on Wednesday afternoon; Item C.8 on Thursday afternoon; Item C.9 on Friday afternoon)

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 C.4, Attachment 1 (Council briefing book) as much as possible. We would like your final input no later than 8:30 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.

6. Salmon Fishery Management Plan Amendment Issues (Council Agenda C.7, Thursday afternoon)

The Council will hear a report on the Sacramento River winter and spring chinook work group, as well as comments from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on Oregon coastal natural coho conservation objectives and coho allocation south of Cape Falcon. Other potential discussion items include conservation objectives for Puget Sound and Washington coastal coho and Puget Sound chinook, National Environmental Policy Act requirements, and essential fish habitat designations. Council action is not required for this item, but the SAS should consider preparing a statement for this item.

7. Update on Mitchell Act Hatchery Needs (Council Agenda C.5, Thursday afternoon)

This is primarily an informational report, but the SAS may wish to comment on this item.

10. Salmon Hearings Officers (Council Agenda C.10, Friday late morning)

The Council will appoint hearings officers and other official hearings attendees, including STT members.

F. Pacific Halibut Management

1. NMFS Report (Council Agenda F.1, Wednesday afternoon)

This is primarily an informational report, but the SAS may wish to comment on this item.

2. Report on International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Annual meeting (Council Agenda F.2, Wednesday afternoon)

This is primarily an informational report, and the SAS is not expected to have a statement on this item.

3. Public Review Options for the 2004 Incidental Catch Regulations in 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 44,554 pounds is about 13% higher than the 2003 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.

G. Habitat

1. Current Habitat Issues (Council Agenda G.1, Thursday morning)

The Habitat Committee (HC) will make its recommendations to the Council on Thursday morning. Among the items the HC will review a proposed letter for Council signature regarding the new Biological Opinion for Columbia River hydropower operations. 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.

H. Marine Protected Areas

1. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Review of Marine Reserves Issues (Council Agenda H.1, Thursday afternoon)

The SAS HC representative should report to the full SAS on this subject to determine if a statement should be developed. The SAS may also want to send a representative to listen to the SSC discussion of this item, which is scheduled for Wednesday morning.

2. Update on Other Marine Protected Area Activities Council Agenda H.2, Thursday afternoon)

The SAS HC representative should report to the full SAS on this subject to determine if a statement should be developed. The SAS may also want to send a representative to listen to the SSC discussion of this item, which is scheduled for Tuesday late morning.

Other

1. Klamath Fishery Management Council (KFMC)

The KFMC will meet beginning Monday morning at 8 a.m. in the Tacoma I Room. The SAS may wish to send a representative to that meeting.

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