

APRIL 2005 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
AND THREE-MEETING PLAN

This agenda item requests Council guidance on the following two matters:

1. The Council three-meeting outlook.
2. The draft agenda for the next Council meeting.

Because of the short period of time between the March and April Council meetings, there is no discussion of Council staff work load priorities in this meeting. Work load priorities for the period November 8, 2004 through April 8, 2005 were set at the November 2004 Council meeting.

At this Council meeting, the Executive Director will review a draft of proposed agenda topics for the next three Council meetings and a draft agenda for the April 2005 Council meeting in Tacoma, Washington.

The Council will hear any reports and comments from advisory bodies, consider public comment, and provide guidance on potential agenda items for the next three Council meetings. As the *Federal Register* notice for the April Council meeting must be filed on March 11, the Council will also need to adopt a final agenda for the April Council meeting. During the process of adopting a final agenda, the Council should also identify priorities for advisory body consideration at the April Council meeting.

Council Action:

- 1. Provide guidance on potential agenda topics for the next three Council meetings.**
- 2. Adopt a final agenda for the April 2005 Council meeting.**
- 3. Identify priorities for advisory body consideration at the April Council meeting.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item B.7.b, WDFW Report: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Three-Meeting Outlook and April Agenda.
2. Agenda Item B.7.a, Supplemental Attachment 1: Proposed Preliminary Three-Meeting Outlook for the Pacific Council.
3. Agenda Item B.7.a, Supplemental Attachment 2: Draft Council Meeting Agenda, April 4-8, Tacoma, Washington.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Agenda for the April 2005 Meeting

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WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
REPORT ON THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK AND APRIL AGENDA

As discussed at the Pacific Council's June and November 2004 meetings, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing that the 100-fm nontrawl rockfish conservation area (RCA) boundary (north of 40°10' N latitude) be modified to provide for targeted fishing on spiny dogfish by limited entry longline vessels. WDFW is proposing that two discrete areas off the northern Washington coast, which are contiguous with the 100-fm isobath, be provided through an RCA modification from February through May each year, beginning in 2006. (This approach is analogous to providing the Apetrale spots[®] in periods 1 and 6 for the limited-entry trawl fishery.) It is our understanding that consideration of this proposal requires a two-meeting process and, in order to meet this timeline, the Council's final action would need to occur in June 2005.

WDFW staff have drafted an Environmental Assessment (EA) to be tiered off of the 2005-2006 Groundfish Specifications Environmental Impact Statement; the draft EA is currently undergoing review by National Marine Fisheries Service and Council staff. It is anticipated that a draft will be ready for the Council's consideration in April as the first meeting of the two-meeting process. Therefore, we request the Council include a placeholder for this consideration on its April agenda, and schedule final action for June, as part of the three-meeting outlook.

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