

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PLANNING

The primary purpose of this agenda item is to provide initial information to Council Members early in the meeting to facilitate planning for future Council meeting agendas.

The Executive Director will review initial drafts of the three-meeting outlook and the September Council meeting agenda, and respond to any questions the Council may have regarding these initial planning documents. This agenda item is essentially informational in nature; however, after hearing any reports and comments from advisory bodies or the public, the Council may wish to provide guidance to the staff to help prepare for Agenda Item B.10 at which time final consideration of the three-meeting outlook and draft September agenda are scheduled.

Written public comment in the advance Briefing Book concerns future Council agendas with regard to scheduling of the exempted fishing permit (EFP) reviews for highly migratory species (HMS) (Council Operating Procedure [COP] 20 calls for review at the June and September meetings). To allow consideration of a follow-up in 2008 of the 2007 longline EFP would require a deviation from the standard EFP approval schedule—delaying it to the November through April time frame. The EFP review schedule for HMS has been problematic and the Council may also wish to consider amending COP 20 at some point to provide a more practical review schedule.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Receive information on potential agenda topics for the next three Council meetings.**
- 2. Receive information on an initial draft agenda for the September 2007 Council meeting.**
- 3. Provide guidance on the development of materials for Agenda Item B.10 (September agenda and three-meeting outlook).**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 1: Preliminary Draft Three-Meeting Outlook for the Pacific Council.
2. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 2: Preliminary Draft September Council Meeting Agenda, September 9-14, 2007 in Portland, Oregon.
3. Agenda Item B.1.c, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion of Future Council Meeting Agenda Topics

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