

# March 2015 Council Meeting (Links are to audio files; Windows Media Player, MP3)

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0:00:16 09:34 A. Call to Order  
0:00:17 09:34 A.1 Opening Remarks Dorothy Lowman, Chair  
0:02:46 09:37 A.2 Roll Call Don Mclsaac  
0:04:06 09:38 A.3 Executive Director's Report Don Mclsaac  
0:57:48 10:32 A.4 Agenda Dorothy Lowman  
0:58:18 10:32 A.4.a Council Action: Approve Agenda  
0:58:35 10:33 B. Open Comment Period  
0:58:40 10:33 B.1 Comments on Non-Agenda Items  
0:58:54 10:33 B.1.a Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy  
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0:00:31 10:59 C.1 Annual U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement Report  
0:00:44 10:59 C.1.b U.S. Coast Guard Annual West Coast Fishery Enforcement Report Capt. White / Gregg Casad  
0:26:37 11:25 C.1.e Council Action: Consider the U.S. Coast Guard Report  
0:34:37 11:33 D. Habitat  
0:34:38 11:33 D.1 Current Habitat Issues  
0:35:49 11:34 D.1.a Agenda Item Overview Jennifer Gilden  
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0:00:26 01:11 E.1.a Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl  
0:04:21 01:14 E.1.b Report of the IEA Team Cisco Werner / John Stein / Chris Harvey / Toby Garfield  
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0:16:55 03:18 E.1.d Public Comment

0:21:50 03:23 E.1.e Council Action: Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report

0:34:29 03:36 E.3 NMFS Climate Science Strategy Update

0:34:47 03:36 E.3.a Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl

0:35:56 03:37 E.3.b Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service Jason Link

1:00:28 04:02 E.3.c Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

1:06:04 04:08 E.3.d Public Comment

1:12:01 04:13 E.3.e Council Action: Consider the NMFS Draft Climate Science Strategy

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0:00:25 08:09 A.5 Commencing Remarks Don McIsaac

0:01:33 08:10 E.2 Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives

0:01:36 08:10 E.2.c Public Comment

0:25:58 08:35 E.2.d Council Action: Prioritize Potential Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives and Provide Guidance on Future Process and Schedule

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0:00:06 10:34 F.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

0:00:15 10:34 F.1.a Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner

0:01:12 10:35 F.1.b Regulatory Activities Bob Turner

0:13:56 10:48 F.1.c Fisheries Science Center Activities Pete Lawson

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0:31:22 01:36 F.2.b Reports and Comments of Management Entities / WDFW

0:34:21 01:39 F.2.d Council Action: Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations, and adopt 2015 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits as Necessary

0:45:35 01:50 F.3 Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2015 Salmon Management Alternatives

0:45:35 01:50 F.3.a Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner

0:53:51 01:58 F.3.b Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission Bob Turner

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0:03:30 08:07 E.4.c Public Comment

0:52:29 08:56 E.4.d Council Action: Adopt Final Preferred Alternative and Amendment Language for Incorporating Protection of Unmanaged Forage Fish in Council Fishery Management Plans; Consider Adopting Council Operating Procedure 24 – Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Shared Ecosystem Component Species

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0:00:18 10:35 G.1 Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting  
0:00:39 10:35 G.1.a Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames  
0:01:30 10:36 G.1.b IPHC Report Bruce Leaman and Ian Stewart  
0:30:29 11:05 G.1.c Council Representative Report Gway Kirchner  
0:40:53 11:15 G.1.e Public Comment  
0:43:07 11:17 G.1.f Council Action: Consideration of the IPHC Report  
0:54:01 11:28 G.2 Incidental Catch Recommendations for the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries  
0:54:02 11:28 G.2.a Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames  
1:04:08 11:38 G.2.b Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
1:09:29 11:44 G.2.c Public Comment  
1:10:43 11:45 G.2.d Council Action: Make Recommendations for Inseason Changes to April 2015 Retention Limits in the Salmon Troll Fishery, as Necessary; Adopt Public Review Options for 2015 and April 2016 Salmon Troll Fishery; Adopt Final Retention Limits for 2015 Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery  
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0:29:15 01:38 H. Highly Migratory Species Management  
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 0:00:20 01:48 H.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report  
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 Including U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Area Fishery Update  
 0:00:26 02:58 H.2.a Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl  
 0:11:29 03:09 H.2.b Report on the WCPFC Meeting Dorothy Lowman  
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 Entities  
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 2014 U.S.-Canada Albacore Fishery  
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 Analysis  
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 Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis  
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 0:00:43 04:14 I.1.a Agenda Item Overview Jennifer Gilden  
 0:02:18 04:16 I.1.b Report of the Legislative Committee Jennifer Gilden  
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 Entities  
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 the Legislative Committee  
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 0:02:38 08:04 F.5 Further Council Direction for 2015 Management Alternatives  
 0:02:41 08:04 F.5.a Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner  
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 Entities  
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 0:27:11 08:37 H. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)  
 0:27:13 08:37 H.3 Final Exempted Fishing Permit Approval  
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 Entities  
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 0:00:06 01:24 H.3 Final Exempted Fishing Permit Approval  
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 Fishing Permits in 2015-16 West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fisheries  
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 Fishing Permits in 2015-16 West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fisheries

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Action on Hard Caps  
0:05:01 04:22 H.4.a Agenda Item Overview Kit Dahl  
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Action on Hard Caps  
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Entities  
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Review  
0:38:08 10:07 F.7 Salmon Hearings Officers  
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Action on Hard Caps  
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Including Goals and Objectives, for a Drift Gillnet Management and Monitoring Plan; Provide  
Guidance on Further Development of the Management and Monitoring Plan; Adopt Final  
Preferred Alternatives for Hard Caps  
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Plan Update  
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Entities  
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WCR Strategic Plan  
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0:17:58 12:47 b. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes  
0:31:42 01:01 I.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures  
  
0:31:47 01:01 I.4.a Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy  
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Entities  
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Procedures and Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Committees and Other Forums  
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