



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2015

TO: Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, and Interested Persons

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2015 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 12-16, 2015, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center, in Spokane, Washington. The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) will meet June 15-16. The CPSAS will be meeting in the Parkside I/II Room, and the CPSMT will be meeting in the Evergreen Room. The CPSAS and CPSMT will meet separately at 8 a.m. Monday June 15, then jointly from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m. in Parkside I/II. Major topics for discussion at this meeting include:

Pacific Mackerel Assessment and Management Measures (Agenda Item G.2)

The NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center completed a benchmark stock assessment of the Pacific mackerel biomass off the U.S., for use in setting harvest specifications and management measures for two consecutive fishing years; 2015-16 and 2016-17. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will recommend an overfishing limit and associated acceptable biological catch values. The CPSMT and CPSAS are tasked with making recommendations on allowable harvest, for each of the two following fishing years. The CPSMT and CPSAS should each anticipate submitting supplemental reports on the topic.

Anchovy Update (Agenda Item G.3)

The CPSMT submitted a brief summary of northern anchovy landings (both central and northern subpopulations) and current harvest specifications. This is a discussion-only topic, but the CPSAS or CPSMT should report any considerations or recommendations to the Council, relative to the anchovy fishery. The CPSMT and CPSAS should each anticipate submitting supplemental reports on the topic.

Litigation Settlement Discussion (Agenda Item G.4)

The Oceana vs. NMFS case was recently settled, and there are two major tasks required as part of the settlement. First, NMFS and the Council must hold a workshop on the Distribution parameter in the harvest control rule. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for August 17-18, 2015, in La Jolla, CA. Second, NMFS must re-examine minimum stock size thresholds for Pacific sardine,

Pacific mackerel, northern and southern subpopulations of northern anchovy, and jack mackerel. The CPSMT and CPSAS should each anticipate submitting supplemental reports on the topic.

Lenfest Taskforce and Ocean Modeling Forum Update (Agenda Item H.1)

Dr. Phil Levin will present an update on these two efforts. Although this is for discussion only, the CPSAS and CPSMT may wish to provide supplemental comments to the Council.

Legislative Matters (Agenda Item F.1)

A new draft of the Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization is included in the briefing book materials. The CPSMT and CPSAS may wish to provide supplemental comments to the Council.

Finally, it is with enormous sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of our friend Bob Emmett. Bob's presence was always a gift to those around him, and he will be missed by many. See Informational Report 3 for an obituary that captures some highlights from his life.

Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment
3. Agenda Item G.1 – NMFS Report
4. Agenda Item G.2 – Pacific Mackerel Assessment and Management Measures
5. Agenda Item G.3 – Anchovy Update
6. Agenda Item G.4 – Litigation Settlement Discussion
7. Agenda Item H.1 – Lenfest Taskforce and Ocean Modeling Forum Update
8. Agenda Item F.1 – Legislative Matters
9. Agenda Item F.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
10. CPSAS Agenda
11. CPSMT Agenda
12. SSC Agenda
13. Informational Report 3
14. Hotel Information
15. Roster