

**DRAFT COUNCIL MEETING RECORD**  
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## INTRODUCTION

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2. **Attendance Records** – available for the Council meeting and each advisory body meeting by request from the Council office.
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7. **Meeting Summary** (immediately following this section) – Lists, in agenda item order, the briefing book documents, reports, presentations, and Council motions and actions, including a brief summary from the Council Decisions Summary Document for each agenda item. It constitutes the meeting record formally approved by the Council. The “Agenda Item Overview” for each agenda item, and most listed documents, serve as internet links to the actual briefing book document. Internet links in brackets (e.g., [[Recording 11-11-14pm10](#)]) refer to the audio recording for the agenda item. Other numbers in brackets (e.g., [0:02:28]) refer to the elapsed time on the audio recording at which the agenda item was initiated. Links to the audio recordings annotated by agenda item may also be accessed at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/past-meetings/>.

## MEETING SUMMARY

### A. Call to Order [\[Recording 3-8-15am1\]](#)

#### 1. Opening Remarks – Dorothy Lowman, Chair

Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Council Chair, called the 228<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 9:30 a.m. on March 8, 2015. A closed session was held before this open session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

#### 2. Roll Call – Don McIsaac [\[0:02:46\]](#)

##### Council Members present during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Frank Lockhart, designee Mr. Bob Turner, designee Ms. Heidi Taylor, designee
Alaska State Official:	Mr. Charles Swanton, nonvoting designee
Washington State Official:	Mr. Phil Anderson, designee Ms. Michele Culver, designee Mr. Kyle Adicks, designee
Washington Obligatory:	Mr. Rich Lincoln
Oregon State Official:	Dr. Caren Braby, designee Mr. Chris Kern, designee
Oregon Obligatory:	Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair
California State Official:	Ms. Joanna Grebel, designee Ms. Marci Yaremko, designee
California Obligatory:	Mr. David Crabbe
Idaho State Official:	Mr. David Ortmann, designee
Idaho Obligatory:	Mr. Herb Pollard, Vice Chair
Tribal Official:	Mr. David Sones
At-Large:	Mr. William L. “Buzz” Brizendine Mr. Jeff Feldner Mr. Dale Myer Mr. Dan Wolford
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission:	Dr. David Hanson, Parliamentarian, nonvoting designee
U.S. Coast Guard:	LCDR Gregg Casad, nonvoting designee
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:	Dr. Steven Haeseker, nonvoting designee

##### Absent from the Meeting:

U.S. State Department: Mr. David Hogan, nonvoting designee

#### 3. [Executive Director's Report](#) – Don McIsaac [\[0:04:06\]](#)

- [Agenda Item A.3.a, Attachment 1](#): Council Coordination Committee Meeting, February 18-19, 2015, Draft Agenda
- [Agenda Item A.3, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Providing the Necessary Council Meeting Record Effectively and Efficiently

4. [Agenda – Dorothy Lowman \[0:58:18\]](#)

a. **Council Action: Approve Agenda**

**Motion:** Adopt Agenda Item A.4, March 6-12, 2015 Council Meeting Agenda.  
David Crabbe/Dan Wolford (motion carried unanimously)

B. **Open Comment Period** [\[Recording 3-8-15am1@0:58:54\]](#)

1. **Comments on Non-Agenda Items – Chuck Tracy**

a. **Agenda Item Overview**

b. **Advisory Body and Management Entity Comments**

c. **Public Comment** [\[1:00:16\]](#)

- [Agenda Item B.1.c, Open Public Comment 1](#) (Churchman)
- [Agenda Item B.1.c, Open Public Comment 2](#) (Athens)
- [Agenda Item B.1.c, Supplemental Open Comment 3](#) (Southern California Trawlers Association)

Dave Bitts, PCFFA

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawler's Cooperative

d. **Council Discussion as Appropriate**

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** None.

C. **Enforcement Issues** [\[Begin Recording 3-8-15am2\]](#)

1. **Annual U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement Report**

a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) – Jim Seger

b. **U.S. Coast Guard Annual West Coast Fishery Enforcement Report - Capt. White**

- [Agenda Item C.1.b, USCG Report](#): 2014 U.S. Coast Guard District 11 and District 13 Report to the Pacific Fishery Management Council
- [Agenda Item C.1.b, Supplemental USCG PowerPoint](#) (*Electronic Only*)

c. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

None.

d. **Public Comment**

None.

e. **Council Action: Consider the U.S. Coast Guard Report**

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** None.

**D. Habitat** [[Recording 3-8-15am2@0:34:37](#)]

**1. Current Habitat Issues**

- a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Jennifer Gilden
- b. **Report of the Habitat Committee - Joel Kawahara**
  - [Agenda Item D.1.b, Supplemental REVISED HC Report](#)
- c. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**  
None.
- d. **Public Comment**
  - [Agenda Item D.1.d, Public Comment](#)
- e. **Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations**

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** None.

**E. Ecosystem Management** [[Begin Recording 3-8-15pm1](#)]

**1. California Current Ecosystem Report Including Integrated Ecosystem Assessment**

- a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Kit Dahl
- b. **Report of the IEA Team - Chris Harvey, Toby Garfield** [[0:04:21](#)]
  - [Agenda Item E.1.b, NMFS Report](#): Letter from Drs. John Stein and Cisco Werner, Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers, to Dr. Donald McIsaac, Council Executive Director
  - [Agenda Item E.1.b, NMFS Report 2](#): California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Team, California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) State of the California Current Report, 2015
  - [Agenda Item E.1.b, NMFS Report 3](#): CCIEA Supplementary Materials (*Electronic Only*)
  - [Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental IEA PowerPoint 1](#): Werner/Stein; California Current IEA Presentation (*Electronic Only*)
  - [Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental IEA PowerPoint 2](#): Garfield/Harvey; California Current IEA Presentation (*Electronic Only*)
- c. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**  
[\[Recording 3-8-15pm2@0:00:17\]](#)
  - [Agenda Item E.1.c, SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee Report](#): Review of the CCIEA State of the California Current Annual Report by the Scientific and Statistical Committee Ecosystem Subcommittee
  - [Agenda Item E.1.c, Supplemental Ecosystem Workgroup Report](#)
  - [Agenda Item E.1.c, Supplemental HC Report](#)
  - [Agenda Item E.1.c, Supplemental SSC Report](#)
  - [Agenda Item E.1.c, Supplemental EAS Report](#)

- [Agenda Item E.1.c, Supplemental SAS Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.1.c, Supplemental SAS Report](#)

**d. Public Comment [0:16:55]**

Ben Enticknap, Oceana

- e. Council Action: Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report**  
**[\[Recording 3-8-15pm1@0:21:50\]](#)**

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** None.

**2. Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives [\[Recording 2-8-15pm1@1:23:44\]](#)**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Kit Dahl**

- [Agenda Item E.2.a, Attachment 1](#): Ecosystem Initiatives Appendix To The Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan
- Download the [“Reader’s Guide to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Appendix”](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.a and E.2.b, Supplemental EWG PowerPoint](#): Ecosystem Workgroup Presentation, (*Electronic Only*)

**b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [\[1:30:27\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental Ecosystem Workgroup Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental GMT Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental GAP Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental HC Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental CPSMT Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental SSC Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental EAS Report 2](#)
- [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

**c. Public Comment [\[Recording 3-9-15am1@0:01:33\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item E.2.c, Public Comment](#)

Corey Ridings, Ocean Conservancy

Ben Enticknap, Oceana

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

Steve Marx, PEW Charitable Trusts

- d. Council Action: Prioritize Potential Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives and Provide Guidance on Future Process and Schedule**  
**[\[Recording 3-9-15am1@0:25:58\]](#)**

**Motion:** That the Council:

1. Add the “Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative” from [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental Ecosystem Workgroup Report](#) to Appendix A of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan.

- a. As an initial step, request the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) Team work with Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Ecosystem Subcommittee members to review and assess the existing indicators in the Annual California Current Ecosystem Report (including the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment).
- b. As part of that assessment, the IEA/SSC Subcommittee team should consider the following questions:
  - i. What can we reasonably expect to learn/monitor with the set of indicators currently included in the Annual California Current Ecosystem Report?
  - ii. How are those indicators performing (i.e. how well do they accomplish their intent)? Are any redundant?
2. Consistent with the Ecosystem Workgroup description of this new initiative, convene an ad hoc Workgroup with a similar composition as under Initiative 1 and have them work with the IEA/SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee Team to:
  - a. Review and discuss the assessment described above in # 1
  - b. Identify what may be alternate indicators (or information or analysis) that may perform better in context conceptual model, and/or ground-truth existing indicators and conclusions
  - c. Identify additional indicators that could help inform Council decision-making under each of its fishery management plans consistent with the purpose of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan
  - d. Provide a workload assessment and timeline to the Council later this year, including options for engaging advisory bodies.
  - e. Modify Initiative A.2.8 “Cross-FMP Effects of Climate Shift Initiative” for consistency with the NOAA Fisheries Draft Climate Science Strategy.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln

**Amendment 1:** Amend the motion as noted below (additions **highlighted**, deletions in **strikeout**):

1. No change.
  - a. ~~As an initial step,~~ **Request** the IEA Team . . .
  - b. No change.
2. ~~Consistent with the Ecosystem Working Group description of this new initiative, convene an ad hoc Working Group with a similar composition as under Initiative 1 and have them work with the IEA/SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee Team to~~ **Have Council management entities each provide the Council with a:**
  - a. No change
  - b. Delete
  - c. Delete
  - d. Delete
  - e. Renumber as “3.”

Marci Yaremko/David Crabbe (4/10/0) Amendment 1 failed; Mr. Crabbe, Ms. Yaremko, Mr. Wolford and Mr. Brizendine voted yes.

**Amendment 2:** Amend the motion as noted below (additions in **highlight**, deletions in **strikeout**):

1. No change.

- a. ~~As an initial step,~~ Request **the existing Ecosystem Workgroup,** the IEA Team ~~work with,~~ **and** SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee members to review and assess the existing indicators in the Annual California Current Ecosystem Report (including the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment).
- b. No change.
2. ~~Consistent with the Ecosystem Working Group description of this new initiative, convene an ad hoc Working Group with a similar composition as Per #1, and have the above team report to Council management entities and advisory groups work with the IEA/SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee Team to:~~
  - a. No change
  - b. Delete
  - c. Delete
  - d. Delete
  - e. Renumber as “3”
3. Modify Initiative A.2.8 “Cross-FMP Effects of Climate Shift Initiative” for consistency with the NOAA Fisheries Draft Climate Science Strategy.
4. **Subsequently, provide a workload assessment and timeline for both initiatives to the Council later this year, including options for engaging advisory bodies.**

Caren Braby/Jeff Feldner

**Amendment 2a:** Add to the end of item 2a “and provide a report back to the Council.”

Marci Yaremko/Dan Wolford (Amendment 2a carried unanimously)

**Amendment 2b:** Add to item 1b “iii. Include steps 2b and 2c from the original motion.”

Michele Culver/ Rich Lincoln (Amendment 2b carried unanimously)

**Amendment 2c:** Specify that the Ecosystem Workgroup would work on items 3 and 4 in Amendment 2.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Amendment 2c carried unanimously)

**Amendment 2,** as amended, carried unanimously.

The **Main Motion,** as amended, carried unanimously and reads as follows:

That the Council:

1. Add the “Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative” from [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental Ecosystem Workgroup Report](#) to Appendix A of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan.
  - a. Request the existing Ecosystem Workgroup, the IEA Team, and SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee members to review and assess the existing indicators in the Annual California Current Ecosystem Report (including the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment).
  - b. As part of that assessment, the IEA/SSC Subcommittee team should consider the following questions:
    - i. What can we reasonably expect to learn/monitor with the set of indicators currently included in the Annual California Current Ecosystem Report?

- ii. How are those indicators performing (i.e. how well do they accomplish their intent)? Are any redundant?
  - iii. What may be alternate indicators (or information or analysis) may perform better in context conceptual model, and/or ground-truth existing indicators and conclusions; and what additional indicators could help inform Council decision-making under each of its fishery management plans consistent with the purpose of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan?
2. Per #1, have the above team report to Council management entities and advisory groups to review and discuss the assessment described above in #1 and provide a report back to the Council.
  3. Have the Ecosystem Workgroup modify Initiative A.2.8 “Cross-FMP Effects of Climate Shift Initiative” for consistency with the NOAA Fisheries Draft Climate Science Strategy.
  4. Subsequently, have the Ecosystem Workgroup provide a workload assessment and timeline for both initiatives to the Council later this year, including options for engaging advisory bodies.

**Staff Summary:** *The Council adopted a new Fishery Ecosystem Plan initiative as described in [Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental Ecosystem Workgroup Report](#), “Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative.” This initiative would refine and improve the ecosystem indicators presented in the Annual State of the California Current Ecosystem Report. The Council directed the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG), the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Team, and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Ecosystem Subcommittee members to assess the overall performance of the indicators and how they can be better linked to management decision-making. The results of this review would be shared with Council management teams and advisory subpanels for their feedback prior to a Council final decision. The Council also directed the EWG to modify Initiative A.2.8 “Cross-FMP Effects of Climate Shift Initiative” for consistency with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Draft Climate Science Strategy. The EWG were tasked with providing a workload assessment and timeline for both initiatives to the Council, including options for engaging advisory bodies.*

*During the Future Meeting Planning agenda item, a report on the results of this effort was later scheduled for the September, 2015 Council meeting.*

3. **NMFS Climate Science Strategy Update** [\[Recording 3-8-15pm2@0:34:29\]](#)
  - a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Kit Dahl
  - b. **Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service - Jason Link** [\[0:35:56\]](#)
    - [Agenda Item E.3.b, NMFS Report](#): Draft NMFS Climate Science Strategy, January 2015
    - [Agenda Item E.3.b, Supplemental NMFS PowerPoint](#) (Jason Link) *Electronic Only*
  - c. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [\[1:00:28\]](#)
    - [Agenda Item E.3.c, Supplemental HC Report](#)
    - [Agenda Item E.3.c, Supplemental CPSAS Report](#)

**d. Public Comment [\[1:06:04\]](#)**

• [Agenda Item E.3.d, Supplemental Public Comment](#)

Mike Okoniewski, on behalf of Diane Pleschner Steele, California Wetfish Producers Association.

**e. Council Action: Consider the NMFS Draft Climate Science Strategy**

[\[Recording 3-8-15pm2@1:12:01\]](#) and [\[Recording 3-9-15am1@1:54:02\]](#)

**Motion:** That the Council:

1. Send a letter to NOAA Fisheries in support of the draft NOAA Climate Change Strategy and the priority actions described in Chapter 3.
2. Indicate support for the dedication of new resources for implementation of the Strategy over the next five years, given the importance of maintaining current support for data collection, analyses, and stock assessments.
3. Describe the Council's actions to date, including recent action under Agenda Item E.2 that directly relate to the purpose of the strategy and its priority actions.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried; Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Staff Summary:** *The Council tasked the Executive Director to send a letter to NOAA Fisheries in support of the draft NOAA Climate Change Strategy and the priority actions described in Chapter 3 and the dedication of new resources for implementation of the Strategy over the next five years, given the importance of maintaining current support for data collection, analyses, and stock assessments. The letter will also describe the Council's actions to date, including recent action under Agenda Item E.2, that directly relate to the purpose of the Strategy and its priority actions.*

**4. Unmanaged Forage Fish Protection Final Action [\[Recording 3-9-15pm3@0:00:18\]](#)**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Mike Burner**

- [Agenda Item E.4.a, Attachment 1: Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1: Protecting Unfished and Unmanaged Forage Fish Species, Draft Environmental Assessment](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.a and E.4.b, Supplemental EWG PowerPoint: Ecosystem Workgroup Presentation, \(Electronic Only\)](#)

**b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

[\[Recording 3-9-15pm3@0:06:42\]](#)

- [Agenda Item E.4.b, EWG Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.b, CPSAS Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.b, CPSMT Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.b, Supplemental NMFS Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.b, Supplemental GAP Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.b, Supplemental HC Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.b, Supplemental EAS Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.b, Supplemental EC Report](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)

**c. Public Comment** [\[Recording 3-10-15am1@0:03:18\]](#)

- [Agenda Item E.4.c, Public Comment](#)
- [Agenda Item E.4.c, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#) (*Electronic ONLY*)
- [Agenda Item E.4.c, Supplemental Public Comment 3](#) Rod Moore, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

Ed Wickersham, Washington Coastal Conservation Association

Joe Liebzeit, Audubon Society of Portland

Greg Helms

Steve Marx, PEW Charitable Trusts

Ben Enticknap, Oceana

Anna Weinstein, Audubon California

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

Paul Engelmeyer, Mid Coast Watershed Councils

Tim Shelmerdine, Oregon Pelagic Tours

Greg Niles, NW Ecotours & Guide Service

Abigail De Young, Northwest Ecotours

Cards completed, but not able to testify:

Ian Ferguson, Association of Northwest Steelheaders

Tom Wolf, Trout Unlimited

Rennie Ferris

Stevie Kapanui Parsons, Association of NW Steelheaders

Chris Vertopoulos, NW Guides and Anglers Association

Bob Rees, Association of NW Steelheaders

**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** [\[Recording 3-10-15am1@0:52:29\]](#) and [\[Recording 3-10-15am2@0:00:09\]](#)

**Motion:** Council take final action to adopt (as drafted in Agenda Item E.4.a, Attachment 1):

- a) 2.1.2 Alternative 2 (Preferred) – Bring Species into FMPs and Prevent Future Fisheries From Developing Without Scientific Information on Harvest Sustainability and Potential Ecological Effects, *Incidental Retention Allowed*, and
- b) FMP language for all 4 Council FMPs (Salmon, CPS, HMS, and Groundfish), with the exception that jacksmelt should be listed both in Table 1-2 and Table 1-3, as shown in Agenda Item E.4.b, EWG Report.

Further, the Council requests that NMFS staff develop regulatory language that is brought back to the full Council for deeming and that meets the following intent:

- i. Does not constrain existing directed fisheries
- ii. Provides reasonable certainty of discouraging new fishery targeting of these species
  - a. Constrains sale of the species by fisherman based on landing ratio (some low level sale is acceptable).
  - b. Considers discouraging development of at-sea processing of these species.
- iii. Provides reasonable certainty of being enforceable by:

- a. Defining “directed fishery” on these shared EC forage fish species that constrains catch ratio and is informed by and responsive to historical landings.
- b. Holds individual vessels accountable (at the trip level) for landing these species, but allows for unique events.
- c. Simple, clear language that is applicable across species and fisheries.

Caren Braby/Jeff Feldner

**Amendment 1:** Edit the language under item B to read (additions highlighted): “FMP language for all 4 Council FMPs (Salmon, CPS, HMS, and Groundfish), including the language provided in the EWG Report E.4.b: incidental allowance shared EC species could continue to be taken incidentally without violating Federal regulations unless regulated or restricted, such as with bycatch minimizations for eulachon recovery. The targeting of shared EC species is prohibited with the exception that jacksmelt should be listed in both Table 1-2 and Table 1-3, as shown in Agenda Item E.4.b EWG Report.

Marci Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine (**Amendment 1** carried unanimously)

**Amendment 2:** Strike 2a--“Constrains sale of the species by fisherman based on landing ratio (some low level sale is acceptable)” from the motion.

Marci Yaremko/David Crabbe (**Amendment 2** carried unanimously)

**Main Motion**, as amended, carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Update the FEP Appendix description of Initiative 1 as detailed in [Agenda Item E.4.b, EWG Report](#) on pages 5 and 6 and consistent with today’s actions.

Frank Lockhart/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** *The Council adopted Alternative 2 that amends all four Council Fishery Management Plans to add a suite of currently unmanaged forage fish species and prohibit the development of new directed commercial fisheries. After lengthy discussion about designing an appropriate incidental take limit that would not impair current fisheries for other species, yet still prohibit directed fishing on currently unmanaged forage fish species, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) was tasked with developing draft implementing regulations to include an incidental take limit for Council review and approval through a regulatory deeming process at the September 2015 Council meeting.*

## **F. Salmon Management** [\[Recording 3-9-15am2@0:00:06\]](#)

### **1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report**

#### **a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Mike Burner**

- [Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1](#): Draft Report, *Three Year Review of the Lower Columbia River tule fall Chinook Abundance-based Harvest Matrix*
- [Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Reconsideration of the Sacramento River Winter Chinook Harvest Control Rule; NMFS, West Coast Region
- [Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): NOAA Fisheries’ 2015-2016 Endangered Species Act 5-year Reviews for 32 Species of West Coast Salmon & Steelhead, Eulachon, and Puget Sound Rockfishes

**b. Regulatory Activities - Bob Turner [0:01:12]**

- [Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental NMFS PowerPoint 1](#): Endangered Species Act 5-year Reviews (Rumsey); *Electronic Only*
- [Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental NMFS PowerPoint 2](#): Three Year Review of the Lower Columbia River tule fall Chinook Abundance-based Harvest Matrix (Jording); *Electronic Only*

**c. Fisheries Science Center Activities - Pete Lawson [0:13:56]**

- [Agenda Item F.1.c, Supplemental Science Center PowerPoint](#): Science Center Activities (Lawson); *Electronic Only*
- [Agenda Item F.1.c, Supplemental Science Center PowerPoint 2](#): (Lindley) *Electronic Only*

**d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

- [Agenda Item F.1.d, Supplemental STT Report](#)

**e. Public Comment [1:08:32]**

Dave Bitts, PCFFA

Marc Gorelnik, Golden Gate Salmon Association

**f. Council Discussion [3-9-15am2@1:15:50]**

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** None.

**2. Review of 2014 Fisheries and Summary of 2015 Stock Abundance Forecasts [Recording 3-9-15pm1@0:00:07]**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Mike Burner**

- [Review of 2014 Ocean Salmon Fisheries](#)
- [Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 1](#): Excerpts from Chapter 3 of the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan
- [Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 2](#): December 23, 2014 letter regarding the Council's request on the use of a standardized method to calculate Chinook age-2 FRAM Stock Recruit Scalars
- [Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 3](#): Compendium of responses regarding the use of a standardized method to calculate Chinook age-2 FRAM Stock Recruit Scalars
- [Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Letter to PFMC from WDFW and NWIFC Regarding PFMC Request on the Use of a Standardized Method to Calculate Chinook Age-2 FRAM Stock Recruit Scalars

**b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [Recording 3-9-15pm1@0:04:48]**

- [Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental SSC Report](#)
- [Preseason Report I](#): Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2015 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations (*Supplemental Briefing Material*)

**c. Public Comment**

None.

**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 [\[Recording 3-9-15pm1@0:34:21\]](#)**

**Motion:** For Grays Harbor natural fall Chinook, adopt a maximum fishery mortality threshold of 63 percent and a minimum stock size threshold of 6,663. For Willapa Bay natural coho, adopt an 8,600 minimum stock size threshold.

Anderson/Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Adopt 2015 stock abundance forecasts, acceptable biological catches (ABCs), and annual catch limits as listed in [Preseason Report I](#), and for Willapa Bay natural origin coho, the ABC to be set at 12,436.

Anderson/Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously). This motion was subsequently reconsidered during Agenda Item F.3, and the new motion follows below.

**Motion:** Adopt an ABC for Willapa Bay natural coho of 30,448.

Bob Turner/Chris Kern (Motion carried unanimously)

**3. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2015 Salmon Management Alternatives [\[3-9-15pm1@0:45:25\]](#)**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Mike Burner**

- [Agenda Item F.3.a, Attachment 1](#): Guidance for Alternative Development and Assessment
- [Agenda Item F.3.a, Attachment 2](#): Emergency Changes to the Salmon FMP
- [Agenda Item F.3.a, Attachment 3](#): FR 97-22094: Policy Guidelines for the Use of Emergency Rules

**b. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission - Bob Turner [\[3-9-15pm1@0:53:51\]](#)**

**c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [\[3-9-15pm1@0:58:21\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental NMFS Report](#): Guidance Letter dated March 3, 2015
- [Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental WDFW/Tribal Report](#)

**[Begin Recording [3-9-15pm2](#)]**

- [Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental SAS Report](#): SAS Proposed Initial Salmon Management Alternatives for 2015 Non-Indian Ocean Fisheries
- [Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental Tribal Comments of Hoopa Valley Tribe](#)
- [Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental Puget Sound Tribal Report](#)
- [Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental Columbia River Tribal Report](#)

**d. Public Comment** [\[3-9-15pm2@0:00:07\]](#)

Rick Shepherd, Del-Norte Fishermen's Association.

**e. Council Action: Adopt Council Recommendations for Initial Alternatives for Salmon Technical Team Collation and Description** [\[3-9-15pm2@0:58:49\]](#)

**Motion:** Council moved to reconsider the ABC set for Willapa Bay natural coho under Agenda Item F.2. [see results of reconsideration under F.2.d]

Bob Turner/Chris Kern (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Approve the Tribal and WDFW 2015 management objectives for Puget Sound Chinook and coho salmon in [Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental WDFW/Tribal Report](#).

Phil Anderson/David Sones (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** For Salmon Technical Team (STT) compilation and analysis, adopt the proposed initial salmon management alternatives for the 2015 non-Indian ocean fisheries as developed by the SAS ([Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental SAS Report](#)), including the modifications as made in the presentation by the SAS.

Phil Anderson/Rich Lincoln

**Amendment:** Make the following changes:

- California Troll on page 6 for San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas:
  - Alt II – remove the September San Francisco fishery; October fall area target zone fishery; and for the Monterey area remove the September fishery.
  - California KMZ – page 5 (Commercial Troll)- Add in Alt II – an alternative to allow for 30 Chinook per day with a minimum size of 28 inches rather than 27 inches.
- California Recreational Fishery:
  - Alternative III (page 15) San Francisco Area – end the fishery on September 7 with a 24 inch size limit through the entire season.
  - Alternative III (page 15) Monterey Area – end the fishery on September 7 with a 24 inch size limit through the entire season.

Marci Yaremko/ Buzz Brizendine (Amendment carried unanimously)

**Main Motion**, as amended, carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Adopt the following range of preliminary options for the ocean Treaty troll fishery for compilation and analysis by the Salmon Technical Team with the understanding that this is only the first step towards the finalizing options this week that will be adopted by the Council to be sent out for public review.

Treaty Troll Options:

Option I	66,250 Chinook	50,000 Coho
Option II	54,000 Chinook	40,000 Coho
Option III	40,000 Chinook	30,000 Coho

For Chinook:

Option 1 to be modeled with 33,125 taken in the May/June Chinook-directed fishery and 33,125 would be taken in the July/August/September all-species fishery.

Option II to be modeled with 27,000 taken in the May/June Chinook-directed fishery and 27,000 would be taken in the July/August/September all-species fishery.

Option III to be modeled with 20,000 taken in the May/June Chinook-directed fishery and 20,000 would be taken in the July/August/September all-species fishery.

David Sones/Phil Anderson (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** None.

**4. Council Recommendations for 2015 Management Alternative Analysis**

[\[3-10-15pm1@0:02:12\]](#)

a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Mike Burner

b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

- [Agenda Item F.4.b, Supplemental STT Report](#): Collation of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2015 Ocean Fisheries

c. **Public Comment** [\[0:17:19\]](#)

Dave Bitts, PCFFA

d. **Council Action: Direction to the Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis** [\[3-10-15pm1@0:21:17\]](#) and [\[3-10-15pm3@0:50:08\]](#)

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** None.

**5. Further Council Direction for 2015 Management Alternatives**

[\[Recording 3-11-15am1@0:02:37\]](#)

a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Mike Burner

b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

- [Agenda Item F.5.b, Supplemental STT Report](#): Initial Analysis of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2015 Ocean Fisheries (*March 11, 2015*)

c. **Public Comment**

None.

d. **Council Action: Further Guidance and Direction as Necessary** [\[Recording 3-11-15am1@0:19:02\]](#) and [\[Recording 3-11-15am2@1:44:18; Motions begin@2:15:30\]](#)

**Motion:** Take inseason action to close the Fort Bragg area for the California commercial fisheries from April 16-April 30.

Marci Yaremko/David Crabbe (Motion carried, Mr. Turner abstained)

**Motion:** Take inseason action to close the commercial fishery from Cape Falcon to the Oregon/California border from March 15-March 31. [This motion corrects a previous motion which had omitted that it was the “commercial” fishery.]

Chris Kern/Jeff Feldner (Motion carried, Mr. Turner abstained)

**Staff Summary:** None.

**6. Adoption of 2015 Management Alternatives for Public Review**  
[\[Recording 3-12-15am2@0:00:01\]](#)

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Mike Burner**

**b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

- [Agenda Item F.6.b, Supplemental STT Report](#): Analysis of Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives for 2015 Ocean Fisheries
- [Agenda Item F.6.b, Supplemental Tribal Report](#) (CRITFC)

**c. Public Comment** [\[Recording 3-12-15am2@0:20:03\]](#)

Dave Bitts, PCFFA

**d. Council Action: Adopt Management Alternatives for Public Review** [\[3-12-15am2@0:24:30\]](#)

**Motion:** For the 2015 Treaty Ocean Troll Salmon Season, I move for the establishment of three alternatives for public review as they are presented in Table 3 of the [Agenda Item F.6.b, Supplemental STT Report](#) on pages 19-20.

- Option I**      quota levels of 66,250 Chinook, and 50,000 coho  
**Option II**     quota levels of 54,000 Chinook, and 40,000 coho  
**Option III**    quota levels of 40,000 Chinook, and 30,000 coho

The salmon season will consist of a May/June Chinook-directed fishery and a July/August/September all-species fishery. The Chinook harvest will be split between the two periods with the following sub-quotas:

**Option I:** 33,125; **Option II:** 27,000; **Option III:** 20,000 for the May/June Chinook-directed fishery and the remainder of Chinook in each alternative for the July/August/September all-species fishery.

I would also like to state for the record, that the Tribes and State are just beginning the North of Falcon planning process in which we will evaluate the total impacts of all proposed fisheries on Puget Sound and Columbia River stocks.

David Sones/Phil Anderson (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** For non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries in the area U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon, I move to adopt for public review, the alternatives for commercial troll and recreational fisheries as presented in [Agenda Item F.6.b, Supplemental STT Report](#) (March 12, 2015) with one modification: Alternative II (U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon) commercial troll fishery May 1 through earlier of June 30 be 7 days per week.

Phil Anderson/David Sones (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** For non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries in the area between Cape Falcon and the Oregon/California border, I move to adopt for public review, the alternatives for

commercial troll and recreational fisheries as presented in [Agenda Item F.6.b, Supplemental STT Report](#) (March 12, 2015).

Chris Kerns/Jeff Feldner (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** For non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries in the area south of the Oregon/California border, I move to adopt for public review, the alternatives for commercial troll and recreational fisheries as presented in [Agenda Item F.6.b, Supplemental STT Report](#) (March 12, 2015) with the following modifications:

- In Alternative 3:
  - In the commercial fishery in the Fort Bragg area. Change the opening date from June 11 to June 12. Resulting in the June fishery open period being June 12-June 30.
- In Alternative 3:
  - In the recreational fishery in the Fort Bragg area. Change the closing date from November 8 to September 7. Resulting in the fishery being open from April 4 – September 7.

Marci Yaremko/Dan Wolford (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** *The Council adopted three Alternative sets of management measures for the 2015 ocean commercial, recreational, and tribal salmon fisheries. The detailed alternatives can be found on the Council web page at: <http://www.pccouncil.org/2015/03/29477/sal-alt-2015-public-review/>.*

*Public hearings on the Alternatives have been scheduled in Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon for March 30 and Fort Bragg, California for March 31. The Council is scheduled to adopt final 2015 ocean salmon regulations at its April 10-16, 2015 meeting in Rohnert Park, California.*

**7. Salmon Hearings Officers** [\[Recording 3-12-15am2@0:38:13\]](#)

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Mike Burner**

- [Agenda Item F.7.a, Attachment 1](#): Schedule of Salmon Fishery Management Alternative Hearings

**b. Council Action: Appoint Hearings Officers - Dorothy Lowman**  
[\[3-12-15am2@0:39:56\]](#)

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** *Public hearings on the Alternatives have been scheduled in Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon for March 30 and Fort Bragg, California for March 31. The Council is scheduled to adopt final 2015 ocean salmon regulations at its April 10-16, 2015 meeting in Rohnert Park, California.*

**G. Pacific Halibut Management** [\[Begin Recording 3-10-15am3\]](#)

**1. Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting**  
[\[3-10-15am3@0:00:18\]](#)

- a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Kelly Ames
  - [Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1](#): IPHC News Release
  - [Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 2](#): 2015 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Allocations
- b. **IPHC Report - Bruce Leaman and Ian Stewart** [\[0:01:30\]](#)
  - [Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental IPHC PowerPoint](#) (*Electronic Only*)
- c. **Council Representative Report - Gway Kirchner** [\[0:30:29\]](#)
  - [Agenda Item G.1.c, IPHC Meeting Summary](#): Report on the 2015 International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting
- d. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**  
None.
- e. **Public Comment** [\[0:40:53\]](#)  
Joel Kawahara
- f. **Council Action: Consideration of the IPHC Report** [\[Recording 3-10-15am3@0:43:07\]](#)

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** None.

2. **Incidental Catch Recommendations for the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries** [\[Recording 3-10-15am3@0:54:02\]](#)
  - a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Kelly Ames
    - [Agenda Item G.2.a, Attachment 1](#): Summary of Pacific Halibut Incidental Catch Management
  - b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [\[Recording 3-10-15am3@1:04:08\]](#)
    - [Agenda Item G.2.b, Supplemental GAP Report](#)
    - [Agenda Item G.2.b, Supplemental SAS Report](#)
  - c. **Public Comment** [\[1:09:29\]](#)  
Joel Kawahara
  - 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** [\[3-10-15am3@1:10:43\]](#)

**Motion:** Adopt for public review, the range of Pacific halibut restrictions for the salmon troll fishery from May 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and April 1-30, 2016 as shown in [Agenda Item G.2.b, Supplemental SAS Report](#) (March 2015).

Chris Kern/Jeff Feldner (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Adopt (status quo) an incidental halibut retention allowance for the commercial sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington of 75 lbs dressed weight of halibut for every 1,000 lbs dressed weight of sablefish landed and up to 2 additional halibut in excess of the 75-lbs-per-1,000-pound ratio per landing.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

**Action Summary:** *The Council confirmed the existing halibut landing ratios for the commercial salmon troll fisheries from April 1-30, 2015 of no more than one halibut per each four Chinook, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement and no more than 12 halibut may be possessed or landed per trip. The Council also adopted [three options](#) for public review for halibut landing ratios in the salmon troll fisheries from May 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and April 1-30, 2016. The options are:*

- *Option 1 (status quo): one halibut per four Chinook plus one with a 12 halibut per trip limit*
  - *Option 2: one halibut per five Chinook plus one with a ten halibut limit*
  - *Option 3: one halibut per five Chinook plus one with an eight halibut limit*
- Final action is scheduled for the April Council meeting.*

*The Council also confirmed the existing halibut landing restrictions for the sablefish primary fixed gear fishery north of Pt. Chehalis, Washington from April 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015. The limits are 75 pounds dressed weight of halibut for every 1,000 pounds dressed weight of sablefish landed and up to two additional halibut in excess of the ratio per landing.*

## **H. Highly Migratory Species Management [\[Begin Recording 3-10-15pm2\]](#)**

### **1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report**

#### **a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Kit Dahl**

#### **b. Regulatory Activities - Heidi Taylor [\[3-10-15pm2@0:3:29\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item H.1.b, NMFS Report](#): National Marine Fisheries Service Regulatory Activities
- [Agenda Item H.1.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Updated and new information

#### **c. Science Center Activities - John Stein and Cisco Werner [\[3-10-15pm2@0:13:16\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item H.1.c, FSC Report](#): NOAA Fisheries Stock Assessments in 2014: Program Review and Plans for Advancements and Improvement
- [Agenda Item H.1.c, Supplemental Science Center PowerPoint](#): Report on MSRA Reviews, HMS Activities, and International Activities (*Electronic Only*)

#### **d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

None.

#### **e. Public Comment**

- [Agenda Item H.1.e, Public Comment](#) (*Electronic Only*)

#### **f. Council Discussion [\[3-10-15pm2@0:53:25\]](#)**

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** None.

**2. Recommendations for International Management Activities Including U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Area Fishery Update [\[Recording 3-10-15pm3@0:00:26\]](#)**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Kit Dahl**

- [Agenda Item H.2.a, Attachment 1](#): December 29, 2014, letter from Mr. Michael Tosatto, Regional Administrator, NMFS Pacific Islands Region, to Council Chairs Mr. Edwin Ebisui, Mr. Dan Hull, and Ms. Dorothy Lowman Reporting Outcomes of the Eleventh Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
- [Agenda Item H.2.a, Attachment 2](#): Updated HMS SAFE Table 9
- [Agenda Item H.2.a, Attachment 3](#): Attachment E to the Summary Report of the Tenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee, September 1-4, 2014

**b. Report on the WCPFC Meeting - Dorothy Lowman [\[0:11:29\]](#)**

**c. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service -Heidi Taylor [\[0:20:28\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item H.2.c, NMFS Report](#): International Activities
- [Agenda Item H.2.c, NMFS Report 2](#): Letter from Robert Turner to David Hogan Requesting Information
- [Agenda Item H.2.c, Supplemental NMFS Report 3](#): NMFS Response to Council's Questions About Certain Anecdotal Information

**d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [\[0:26:26\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item H.2.d, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

**e. Public Comment [\[0:29:44\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item H.2.e, Supplemental Public Comment](#)  
Peter Flournoy, American Fishery Research Foundation

**f. Council Action: Consider Reports on International Activities and 2014 U.S.-Canada Albacore Fishery [\[3-10-15pm3@0:45:36\]](#)**

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** None.

**3. Final Exempted Fishing Permit Approval [\[Recording 3-11-15am1@0:27:13\]](#)**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Kit Dahl**

- [Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 1](#): Pete Dupuy, John Gibbs, and David Haworth EFP Application
- [Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 2](#): Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research (PIER) EFP Application
- [Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 3](#): Timothy and Laura Perguson EFP Application
- [Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 4](#): Stephen R. Mintz EFP Application
- [Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 5](#): The Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries (ACSF) EFP Application

- [Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental Attachment 6](#): Excerpt from the Reference Guide of Protected Species Regulations for the California / Oregon Drift Gillnet Fishery (National Marine Fisheries Service, April 2005) with view of current gear requirements
  - [Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental Attachment 7](#): Development and Trial of Deep-set Buoy Gear for Swordfish, *Xiphias gladius*, in the Southern California Bight
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [\[3-11-15am1@0:34:35\]](#)**
- [Agenda Item H.3.b, Supplemental SSC Report](#)
  - [Agenda Item H.3.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)
  - [Agenda item H.3.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)
  - [Agenda Item H.3.b, Supplemental WDFW Report](#)
- c. Public Comment [\[Begin Recording 3-11-15am2@0:00:12\]](#)**
- [Agenda Item H.3.c, Supplemental Public Comment](#)
  - [Agenda Item H.3.c, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)
- Steve Mintz, Commercial Fisherman  
Tara Brock, PEW Charitable Trust  
David Rudie, Catalina Offshore  
Kathy Fosmark, ACSF  
Steve Fosmark, F/V Seeadler  
Sarah McTee, Environmental Defense Fund, and Melissa Stevens, The Nature Conservancy  
Geoff Shester, Oceana  
Doug Karpa, Turtle Island Restoration Network  
Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans  
Peter Flournoy, International Law Offices of San Diego
- d. Council Action: Approve Final Recommendations for Exempted Fishing Permits in 2015-16 West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fisheries [\[3-11-15pm1@0:00:04\]](#) and [\[3-11-15pm@0:00:03\]](#)**

**Motion:** Adopt the HMSMT recommendations shown in the Supplemental HMSMT Report for EFPs for approval with the following changes: All buoy gears only be in Federal waters.

- **Attachment 1 (Dupuy):** 1 boat as opposed to 3 boats; under striped marlin – task NMFS to develop marlin cap.
- **Attachment 3 (Perguson):** approve buoy gear component only.

David Crabbe/Buzz Brizendine

**Amendment 1:** Add for all EFPs a requirement for 100 percent observer coverage. Specifically for Attachment 1 (Dupuy): must fish outside 50 miles of shore and islands.

Joanna Grebel/Dan Wolford (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

**Amendment 2:** Add for all EFPs to include a northern boundary of the Washington/Oregon boundary 46° 15' N. latitude, such that the EFPs could occur south of that line.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Amendment 2 carried unanimously)

**Amendment 3:** Add for all EFPs to include a northern boundary of the Oregon/California boundary for the first year of the EFPs, so that in the first year fishing could occur south of that line.

Caren Braby/Jeff Feldner (Amendment 3 carried unanimously)

**Amendment 4:** For all EFPs, add caps for high priority protected species, blue sharks, and marlin.  
Dan Wolford/Joanna Grebel

**Amendment 4a:** Amend the Amendment to read “ For all EFPs, add caps that would close the individual EFP for the remainder of that year based on MSA authority for high priority protected species, blue sharks, and marlin. For the high priority protected species, base the cap on the ITS for those species and for the other species (blue sharks and marlin) to base the cap on the bycatch/discard rate mortality as a percentage of landings comparable to that observed in the drift gillnet (DGN) fishery.

Joanna Grebel/Dan Wolford (Amendments 4 and 4a withdrawn with consent of the second).

**Amendment 5:** For all EFPs recommend NMFS close the EFP fishery for the remainder of the year if the amount of an ESA listed species taken in an EFP is either double the amount of take estimated for the EFP in the ITS or 10, whichever is lower.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Amendment 5 carried unanimously)

**Main Motion**, as amended, carried unanimously.

**Staff Summary:** *The Council reviewed five Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications submitted in response to a solicitation for proposals to test alternative gears and methods for the current California large mesh gillnet fishery targeting swordfish. The Council adopted the following to apply to all EFPs recommended to move forward.*

- *100 percent observer coverage*
- *EFP fishing prohibited in waters north of the Washington/Oregon border (46° 15' N. lat.) and in the first year EFP fishing is prohibited in waters north of the Oregon/California border*
- *NMFS to close fishing under any EFP for the remainder of the year if the amount of an Endangered Species Act (ESA) -listed species taken in that EFP fishery is the lower of either double the amount of incidental take estimated in an ESA biological opinion prepared for that activity or 10 animals*
- *EFPs testing buoy gear only will be permitted in Federal waters*

*The Council recommended the following applications to NMFS for EFP issuance for the 2015 fishing season:*

1. *Application submitted by Pete Dupuy, John Gibbs, and David Haworth to test pelagic longline gear inside the west coast Exclusive Economic Zone ([Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 1](#)) with the following additional conditions:*
  - a. *Only one vessel to be permitted versus three as proposed by the applicants*

- b. Applicants must specify the level of expected fishing effort beyond the first six months of the term of the EFP
  - c. Fishing is prohibited within 50 miles of the mainland shore and islands
  - d. A bycatch limit for marlins is to be developed by NMFS; the fishery would close for the remainder of the year if the bycatch limit is reached
2. Application submitted by Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research (PIER) to test buoy gear ([Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 2](#)) without additional conditions.
  3. Application submitted by Tim and Laura Perguson to test several new gear types. The Council recommends that NMFS issue an EFP for only that portion of the proposal intended to test buoy gear.
  4. Application submitted by Stephen R. Mintz to test buoy gear ([Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 4](#)) with the following additional condition: NMFS is to work with the applicant to identify specific procedures for data collection, analysis, and reporting, including the appropriate agencies to which information will be provided.

The Council requested revisions to the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries (ACSF) application ([Agenda Item H.3.a, Attachment 5](#)) to provide sufficient detail on the scientific design to allow SSC review. The resubmitted application will be considered at the June 2015 meeting for final action.

(Note: The description of this EFP decision was revised on March 18, 2015, from the description originally posted on March 16, 2015.)

**4. Drift Gillnet Management and Monitoring Plan Including Final Action on Hard Caps [\[Begin Recording 3-11-15pm3\]](#)**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Kit Dahl**

**b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [\[0:05:01\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item H.4.b, HMSMT Report](#)
- [Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report 2](#)
- [Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental HMSMT PowerPoint](#) (Electronic Only)
- [Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental NMFS Report](#)
- [Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#)
- [Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental CDFW Report](#)
- [Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental SSC Report](#)
- [Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

**c. Public Comment [\[1:08:12\]](#) and [\[Recording 3-12-15am1@0:03:57\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item H.4.c, Supplemental Public Comment 5](#)
- [Agenda Item H.4.c, Supplemental Public Comment 6](#)
- [Agenda Item H.4.c, Supplemental Public Comment 7](#) (Presentation TIRN, Electronic Only)

Linda Nelson  
 Dawn Romaine  
 Doug Karpa, Turtle Island Restoration Network  
 Kathy Fosmark, ACSF

Tara Brock, PEW Charitable Trusts  
Jonathan Gonzales  
Geoff Shester, Oceana  
Jenny Couture & Aliya Rubenstein, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management  
Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans  
Lyf Gildersleeve, Flying Fish Company  
Melissa Stevens, The Nature Conservancy  
Gary Burke, CFSB  
David Rudie, Catalina Offshore – Did not speak  
Steve Mintz – Did not speak

**d. Council Action: Approve Purpose and Need Statement, 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 [[3-12-15am2@0:42:02](#)]**

**Motion:** Adopt the CDFW Recommendations, [Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental CDFW Report](#), page 4 which are:

1. Defer final Council action today.
2. Include the CDFW PPA for hard caps for high priority species or species of concern based on entanglements, rather than serious injury or mortality within the range of alternatives for analysis.
3. Ask HMSMT for further development:
  - a. Provide an analysis of historical fishery performance under the range of alternatives, including CDFW PPA, for hard caps or high priority species or species of concern.
  - b. Add an alternative for analysis: performance objectives for nonESA-listed marine mammals based on the highest level observed during any one year during a five-year period (2010-2014).
4. Align Council language with current observer definitions to meet the Council’s intent of using “entanglement.”
5. Affirm the Council’s commitment to continue to make progress on finfish performance standards and revisit at a future date.
6. Task the HMSMT to continue developing a broader “Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan.”

Joanna Grebel/Michele Culver (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Council:

1. Request the SSC to work with the HMSMT in developing the Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan, and request the SSC review all available observer data from NMFS and the states in developing monitoring recommendations. As part of that discussion, the SSC should address the following questions:
  - a. How do we distinguish between a “rare event” versus an “undetectable” event?
  - b. At what point is bycatch so “rare” that ratio estimates from a 20-30 percent observer coverage level would be considered unreliable or too uncertain for management purposes?

- c. How would we determine the species-specific bycatch rates without 100 percent coverage?
  - d. And, if there is a sound methodology to estimate that with a reasonable degree of certainty, what are the bycatch rates for the species of concern that the Council has identified?
  - e. How would we take the answers to 1.d. to determine what the appropriate level of observer coverage should be for the fishery?
  - f. Given funding constraints, how should we estimate the bycatch and protected species interactions if we cannot achieve the desired coverage level from 1.e.?
  - g. And, if there is a sound methodology to estimate bycatch and protected species interactions that have occurred in the past five years (with the 20-30 percent coverage level), what are the bycatch estimates and species-specific protected species interactions for that timeframe?
2. Report back to the Council on these questions at the June 2015 meeting or the next time the Council considers drift gillnet fishery matters.

Michele Culver/Joanna Grebel

**Amendment 1:** Under item 1, insert the following sentence after the first sentence: Review the Ecological Applications paper that speaks to the DGN fishery and make recommendations about observer coverage to the Council.

Caren Braby/Michele Culver (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

**Amendment 2:** Make the following underlined/strikeout changes to the amended motion:

1. Request ~~the SSC~~ NMFS to work with the HMSMT in developing the Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan, and ~~request the SSC~~ review all available observer data from NMFS and the states in developing monitoring recommendations. Review the Ecological Applications paper that speaks to the DGN fishery and make recommendations about observer coverage to the Council. As part of that discussion, ~~the SSC~~ NMFS and the HMSMT should address the following questions:
  - a. How do we distinguish between a “rare event” vs. an “undetectable” event?
  - b. At what point is bycatch so “rare” that ratio estimates from a 20-30 percent observer coverage level would be considered unreliable or too uncertain for management purposes?
  - c. How would we determine the species-specific bycatch rates without 100 percent coverage?
  - d. And, if there is a sound methodology to estimate that with a reasonable degree of certainty, what are the bycatch rates for the species of concern that the Council has identified?
  - e. How would we take the answers to 1.d. to determine what the appropriate level of observer coverage should be for the fishery?
  - f. Given funding constraints, how should we estimate the bycatch and protected species interactions if we cannot achieve the desired coverage level from 1.e.?
  - ~~g.~~
  - ~~2. And, if there is a sound~~ Request the SSC to review the methodology to estimate bycatch and protected species interactions that have occurred in the past five years (with the 20-

30 percent coverage level), what are the bycatch estimates and species-specific protected species interactions for that time frame?

3. Request the SSC to review the work of NMFS and the HMSMT.

24. Report back to the Council on these questions at the June 2015 meeting or the next time the Council considers drift gillnet fishery matters.

Bob Turner/David Sones

**Amendment 2a:** Add to the end of the sentence in item 3: “, and the ‘Ecological Applications’ paper and develop recommendations to the Council.”

Michele Culver/Joanna Grebel (Amendment 2a carried unanimously)

**Amendment 2**, as amended, carried unanimously. The **Main Motion**, as amended, carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Adopt the following changes to the Proposed Statement of Purpose and Need, Goals and Objectives for Section 2.1 Proposed Action as follows:

While the DGN fishery currently complies with all applicable laws, including the MSA, ESA, and MMPA, the Council seeks to establish more stringent standards with respect to these laws. Therefore, the proposed action is to implement management measures for the California large mesh DGN fishery to further reduce 1) bycatch including bycatch mortality, and 2) ~~incidental take of~~ interactions with ESA-listed species and other marine mammals. Using MSA authority, bycatch and takes would be reduced below the level currently documented for the DGN, noting that the current level is permitted by applicable law. The proposed action is intended to achieve these reductions while providing an economically viable west coast-based swordfish fishery ~~is maintained or enhanced~~. To promote economic viability, the proposed action will include requirements and incentives to support a swordfish fishery conducted by vessels with west coast home ports and promote increased availability of locally-caught swordfish in the market ~~which substitutes swordfish imported into west coast states, either from elsewhere in the U.S. or overseas with locally caught swordfish.~~

Michele Culver/Joanna Grebel (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Adopt the Proposed Statement of Purpose and Need, Goals and Objectives for Section 2.3 Purpose and Need as follows:

The purpose of the proposed action is to conserve non-target species and further reduce bycatch, including incidental take of ESA-listed species and other marine mammals, in the DGN fishery below levels currently permitted by applicable law while maintaining or enhancing an economically viable west-coast-based swordfish fishery.

The proposed action is needed to better integrate fishery management under the HMS FMP with enhanced protection of ESA-listed species and other marine mammals, and to address National Standard 9 and Section 303 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act to minimize bycatch and bycatch mortality and conserve non-target species to the extent practicable.

Bob Turner/Herb Pollard (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** *The Council deferred final action on adopting hard caps for the DGN fishery until the June 2015 meeting, in recognition that Secretarial review for implementing final action on hard caps could not be completed in time for the 2015 fishing season. The Council also expanded the scope of the management and monitoring plan to be the “Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan (SMMP).” The Council also made revisions to the description of the proposed action and the purpose and need statement for the SMMP. The Council affirmed its commitment to continue progress on finfish performance standards and revisit potential measures at a future date.*

*The Council provided the following direction to the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) in moving forward with developing the SMMP:*

- *Analyze a second preliminary preferred alternative proposed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The CDFW alternative does not replace the preliminary preferred alternative (PPA) that the Council adopted in September 2014. This additional alternative would establish hard caps based on observed entanglement in drift gillnet fishing gear of the high priority protected species identified in the Council Preliminary Preferred Alternative.*
- *Analyze an additional alternative for performance objectives for nonESA-listed marine mammals based on the highest level observed during any one year during a five-year period (2010-2014).*
- *Analyze historical fishery performance under the range of alternatives, including the CDFW PPA, for hard caps on high priority species or species of concern.*
- *With assistance from NMFS staff including provision of all existing observer data, the HMSMT was tasked with analyzing observer coverage levels necessary to estimate protected species bycatch with reasonable accuracy.*

*The Council requested the SSC to review the current bycatch estimation methodology used to produce bycatch estimates for the past five years. It was also requested to review the HMSMT analysis of observer coverage levels when completed.*

*The HMSMT and SSC are scheduled to report their results to the Council in June 2015.*

## **I. Administrative Matters**

### **1. Legislative Matters [\[Recording 3-10-15pm4@0:00:43\]](#)**

#### **a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Jennifer Gilden**

- [Agenda Item I.1.a, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1](#): Staff Summary of Federal Legislation in the 113th U.S. Congress
- [Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 2](#): Current Status of Council MSA Reauthorization Priorities
- [Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 3](#): H.R. 774, “To strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes”
- [Agenda Item I.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Do the Proposed National Standard 1 Guideline Revisions Address Pacific Council Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Priorities?

**b. Report of the Legislative Committee – Jennifer Gilden [0:02:18]**

- [Agenda Item I.1.b, Supplemental Legislative Committee Report](#)

**c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [0:12:13]**

- [Agenda Item I.1.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)
- [Agenda Item I.1.c, Supplemental GAP Report](#)
- [Agenda Item I.1.c, Supplemental HC Report](#)
- [Agenda Item I.1.c, Supplemental NMFS Report](#)

**d. Public Comment [0:28:49]**

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

Peter Flournoy, AFRF

Rod Moore, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

**e. Council Action: Consider the Report and Recommendations of the Legislative Committee (LC) [Recording 3-10-15pm4@0:44:51]**

**Motion:** Adopt the recommendations of the LC ([Agenda Item I.1.b, Supplemental Legislative Committee Report](#)):

- Letter to President Obama and Office of Management and Budget regarding implementation of the REFI Act (use recommendations of the GAP Report, Agenda Item I.1.c, Supplemental GAP Report; also take into account the comments made by the GAP representatives during public comment).
- Letter to House Committee on Natural Resources ranking member Representative Raul Grijalva and other Committee members regarding HR 774, the Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act (include HMSAS recommendations pertaining to comments on HR 774 and Mr. Rod Moore's public comments).
- Letter to Representative Young on HR 1335 in regard to National Environmental Policy Act implications (include Mr. Rod Moore's public comments).
- Current list of Council priorities with addition of #22.

David Crabbe/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried; Mr. Turner abstained)

**Staff Summary:** *The Council adopted the recommendations of the Legislative Committee report ([I.1.b, Supplemental Legislative Report](#)), including three letters:*

- *a letter to President Obama and the Office of Management and Budget regarding implementation of the REFI Act;*
- *a letter to Reps. Young and Bishop on HR 1335 with particular reference to National Environmental Policy Act compliance implications; and*
- *a letter to the House Committee on Natural Resources regarding HR 774, the Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act.*

*The substance of recommendations of the GAP report ([Agenda Item I.1.c, Supplemental GAP Report](#)) and the HMSAS Report ([Agenda Item I.1.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)) should be included in the letters, as will relevant portions of public comment.*

*In addition, the Council adopted the results of the LC review of the Council's Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization priority issues, which retained the 21 items identified in 2014 and added an*

*additional priority issue regarding the need for international fishery negotiations to be added to the list of eligible topics for discussion in Council closed executive sessions.*

**2. National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Region Strategic Plan Update**

**[\[Recording 3-12-15pm1@0:00:07\]](#)**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Chuck Tracy**

- [Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 1](#): Draft NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region Strategic Plan: 2016-2020
- [Agenda Item I.2.a, Attachment 2](#): Letter from Don McIsaac to Barry Thom regarding Council Comments on the Working Draft NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region Strategic Plan: 2016-2020

**b. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service - Barry Thom**

- [Agenda Item I.2.b, NMFS Report](#): Letter from Barry Thom to Dorothy Lowman regarding the Public Review Draft NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region Strategic Plan: 2016-2020

**c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [\[0:05:22\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item I.2.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

**d. Public Comment**

None.

**e. Council Action: Provide Comments on Completion of the NMFS WCR Strategic Plan [\[Recording 3-12-15pm1@0:09:19\]](#)**

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** *The Council directed staff to submit a letter to NMFS with minor recommendations for changes and additions to the Public Review Draft of the NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region Strategic Plan: 2016-2020.*

**3. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes [\[Recording 3-12-15pm1@0:16:42\]](#)**

**a. [Council Member Review and Comments](#) - Dorothy Lowman**

- [Agenda Item I.3.a, Attachment 1](#): Draft Minutes: 226th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (October 2014)
- [Agenda Item I.3.a, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Draft Minutes: 224th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (June 2014)

**b. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Minutes [\[3-12-15pm1@0:17:58\]](#)**

**Motion:** Approve the Council meeting minutes of the October 2014 Emergency Council Meeting ([Agenda Item I.3.a, Attachment 1](#)) with the correction discussed by Mr. Feldner, and approve the minutes as shown in [Agenda Item I.3.a, Supplemental Attachment 2](#) (June 2014).

Dave Ortmann/Herb Pollard (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** *The correction discussed by Mr. Feldner was in regard to Motion 2 which was reported to carry, 5 yes and 3 no (Mr. Brizendine, Mr. Sones and Ms. Grebel voted no; Mr. Feldner was absent for the vote). However, Mr. Feldner later reported that he had voted yes on this motion which would have made 6 yes. His voice connection to the meeting was apparently lost at the time of the vote and for the rest of the meeting.*

**4. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures [\[Recording 3-12-15pm1@0:31:42\]](#)**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Chuck Tracy**

- [Agenda Item I.4.a, Attachment 1](#): Draft COP 3
- [Agenda Item I.4.a, Attachment 2](#): Draft COP 24, excerpt from Agenda Item E.4.a, Attachment 1: Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1
- [Agenda Item I.4.a, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Proposed Council Operating Procedure 24 – Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Shared Ecosystem Component Species
- [Agenda Item I.4.a, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): REVISED Draft COP 3

**b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [\[0:42:57\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item I.4.b, Supplemental WDFW Report](#)

**c. Public Comment [\[1:05:36\]](#)**

Gilly Lyons, PEW Charitable Trusts

**d. Council Action: Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures and Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Committees, and Other Forums [\[Recording 3-12-15pm1@1:06:36\]](#)**

**Motion:** Adopt a new Council Operating Procedure 24 as presented in Agenda Item I.4.a, Supplemental Attachment 3, which outlines the protocol for consideration of exempted fishing permits for shared ecosystem component species.

Herb Pollard/Dave Ortmann (Motion withdrawn with consent of the second).

**Motion:** Adopt a new Council Operating Procedure 3 as presented in Agenda Item I.4.a, Supplemental Attachment 4, which modifies the Endangered Species Workgroup (ESWG) protected resources seat to an additional West Coast Region seat.

Bob Turner/Michele Culver (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Appoint the following to the advisory body noted:

- Ms. Sarah Williams to replace Ms. Alison Agness on the ESWG.
- Dr. Tomo Eguchi to replace Dr. Rhema Bjorkland as the Turtle Taxon Expert on the ESWG.
- Dr. Cameron Speir to replace Dr. Cindy Thompson as the NMFS SWFSC representative on the SSC.
- Ms. Celia Barrosa to replace Ms. Heidi Taylor as one of the NMFS West Coast Region representatives on the HMSMT.
- Mr. Josh Lindsey to fill the vacant NMFS seat on the CPSMT resulting from the retirement of Dr. Sam Herrick.

- Ms. Gretchen Hanshew to replace Dr. Sean Matson as one of the NMFS West Coast Region representatives on the GMT.
- Dr. Melissa Monk to replace Ms. Rosemary Kosaka as the NMFS SWFSC representatives on the GMT.
- Mr. Jerry Leonard to replace Dr. Ian Taylor as the NMFS NWFSC representative on the GMT

Bob Turner/David Sones (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Appoint Mr. Tyler Turner to replace Mr. Butler as the Oregon charter representative on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel for the remainder of the 2013-2015 term.

Chris Kern/Jeff Feldner (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Appoint Mr. Robert Mirante to replace Mr. Mark Cedergreen as the Washington charter representative on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel for the remainder of the 2013-2015 term.

Michele Culver/ Dave Ortmann (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** *The Council announced Dr. Caren Braby is the alternate for Ms. Michele Culver on the Regional Planning Body for the West Coast Region.*

*The Council also announced Sergeant Todd Thompson was designated as an alternate for Lieutenant Tim Schwartz as the Oregon State Police representative on the Enforcement Consultants.*

*The Council adopted an updated Council Operating Procedure, which modified the membership of the ESWG.*

**5. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning [\[Recording 3-12-15pm1@1:34:37\]](#)**

**a. [Agenda Item Overview](#) - Don McIsaac**

- [Agenda Item I.5.a, Attachment 1](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary
- [Agenda Item I.5.a, Attachment 2](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 10-16, 2015 in Rohnert Park, California
- [Agenda Item I.5.a, Attachment 3](#): Groundfish Workload Priorities
- [Agenda Item I.5.a, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary
- [Agenda Item I.5.a, Supplemental Revised Attachment 6](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 10-16, 2015 in Rohnert Park, California

**b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [\[2:09:47\]](#)**

- [Agenda Item I.5.b, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

**c. Public Comment [\[2:18:02\]](#)**

Tara Brock, PEW Charitable Trusts

**d. Council Action: Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning [\[Recording 3-12-15pm1@2:21:36\]](#)**

**Motion:** None.

**Staff Summary:** *The next meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council is scheduled for April 2015 in Rohnert Park, California. A single-page proposed agenda summary is available on the Council website, and a draft detailed proposed agenda is scheduled to be available by April 1.*

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

- [Informational Report 1](#): Memo to CCC and MAFAC members from Sam Rauch regarding Approval of Policy and Procedural Directives
- [Informational Report 2](#): National Standard Guidelines Revisions, Proposed Rule, January 20, 2015
- [Informational Report 3](#): Letter from the California Groundfish Collective and The Nature Conservancy regarding Seafood Watch rankings for the West Coast groundfish fishery
- [Informational Report 4](#): Groundfish and Halibut Notices 10/20/14 through 02/13/15
- [Informational Report 5](#): NOAA Fisheries publication “National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy 2015”
- [Informational Report 6](#): Regional Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan for West Coast Marine Fisheries (January 27, 2015)
- [Informational Report 7](#): Excerpts from the FEIS on the Double-Crested Cormorant Management Plan to Reduce Predation of Juvenile Salmonids in the Columbia River Estuary (February 6, 2015)
- [Supplemental Informational Report 8](#): New West Coast Recreational Fisheries Team
- [Supplemental Informational Report 9](#): Groundfish Amendment 24 approval letter dated February 26, 2015

**ADJOURN**

The Council adjourned at 3:30 p.m. on March 12, 2015.

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Dorothy Lowman  
Council Chair

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Date