



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 22, 2015

TO: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Management Team, and Groundfish Interested Persons

FROM: Ms. Kelly Ames, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2015 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 10-16, 2015 at the Doubletree by Hilton Spokane City Center, 322 N. Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) and Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2015 in the Suite C and D rooms and Suite B room, respectively.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest, including:

- Matters raised during the open comment period;
  - Current habitat issues;
  - Reports from the West Coast Region and Northwest Fisheries Science Center;
  - A report on cost recovery for the limited entry fixed gear permit stacking program for sablefish;
  - An update on the salmon Endangered Species Act reconsultation, including the development of recommendations on consultation standards for groundfish fisheries;
  - A report from the Council's Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup including identification of measures to be evaluated for the 2017-2018 biennial management period;
  - Adopting a process and schedule for establishing the 2017-2018 harvest specifications and management measures;
  - An update on development of the groundfish essential fish habitat and rockfish conservation area package;
  - Inseason adjustments for 2015 fisheries, including discussion of skate discard mortality rates;
  - Adopt final stock assessments for canary and darkblotched rockfish, assessment updates for sablefish, petrale sole, and chilipepper rockfish, catch reports for Pacific ocean perch and yelloweye rockfish, and a data moderate assessment for arrowtooth flounder;
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- Refine alternatives for blackgill and slope rockfish quota share allocation;
- Adopt a range of rebuilding revision rules for analysis;
- Legislative matters, including the Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization;
- Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures
- Lenfest Taskforce and Ocean Modeling Forum update; and
- Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning

In addition, you are requested to develop comments on Informational Report 1, Groundfish Gear Changes, for staff use in completing a draft analysis for Council consideration in September 2015.

This mailing includes the enclosures listed below. Please review these briefing materials in advance to facilitate an efficient meeting week.

Thank you for your commitment to the Council process and management of Pacific groundfish fisheries.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item C.1 – Current Habitat Issues
4. Agenda Item D – Groundfish Management
5. Agenda Item F.1 – Legislative Matters
6. Agenda Item F.4 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
7. Agenda Item F.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
8. Agenda Item H – Ecosystem Management
9. EC Agenda
10. GAP Agenda
11. GMT Agenda
12. SSC Agenda and Draft Minutes
13. Informational Reports
14. Hotel-related Information
15. Council Roster