



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 22, 2015

TO: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, Highly Migratory Species Management Team, and Interested Persons

FROM: Dr. Kit Dahl, Staff Officer for Highly Migratory Species

SUBJECT: June Council Meeting

The Council meeting begins June 12, 2015, at the Doubletree Hotel, Spokane, Washington. The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will meet Friday to Sunday, June 12-14. The HMSAS will be in the Parkside I and II Rooms and the HMSMT will be in the Evergreen Room. The meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. each day. Three HMS topics are on the Council agenda. There are also several other topics not directly related to HMS that the HMSAS and HMSMT may wish to comment on. Summaries of all these topics follow.

#### E.1 International Issues including Inter-America Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Meeting and North Pacific Albacore Management Strategy Evaluation

This agenda item will give the Council an opportunity to provide comments for the upcoming IATTC meeting and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee meeting, both of which occur before the Council's next meeting in September. The Northern Committee will be providing guidance to the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean about developing and conducting a management strategy evaluation for North Pacific albacore tuna.

#### E.2 Final Approval of Resubmitted Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Application

The Council reviewed five EFP applications in March 2015. Of these, it asked for one application to be revised and resubmitted. A revised application was submitted by the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries.

#### E.3 Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps

Over the past year the Council has been developing a Swordfish Fishery Management and Monitoring Plan. The Plan includes alternatives for management of the California large mesh drift gillnet fishery for high priority protected species hard caps, fishery performance objectives, and fishery monitoring. At this meeting, the Council has the opportunity to further refine these ranges of alternatives and make other recommendations for inclusion in the Plan.

A number of other, non-HMS topics are included in your meeting agendas. For the HMSAS these include Legislative Matters (Agenda Item F.1), Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures (Agenda Item F.4), Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning (Agenda Item F.5), and an update on the Council's Vessel Movement Monitoring action (which is not on the June agenda).

The HMSMT submitted a report under Agenda Item F.5 with recommendations for the Council to reconsider certain terms and conditions the Council recommended for the EFPs when they took action in March. Both committees may also want to provide input related to workload and items that should be put on future Council meeting agendas.

Paper copies of referenced briefing materials are enclosed. In addition, you may also obtain electronic copies of all the meeting materials on our website at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/briefing-books/>. We also post supplemental briefing materials on our website as they become available after distribution of the advanced briefing book.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4: Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item E.1 International Issues including Inter-America Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Meeting and North Pacific Albacore Management Strategy Evaluation
3. Agenda Item E.2 Final Approval of Resubmitted Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Application
4. Agenda Item E.3 Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps
5. Agenda Item F.1 Legislative Matters
6. Agenda Item F.4 Membership Appointments and COPs
7. Agenda Item F.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
8. HMSAS and HMSMT Meeting Agendas
9. Hotel-related Information
10. Council Roster