

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

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|---------|-------|-------|---|
| 0:00:08 | 09:48 | A.    | Call to Order   |
| 0:00:09 | 09:48 | A.1   | Opening Remarks   |
| 0:05:10 | 09:53 | A.2   | Council Member Appointments   |
| 0:08:22 | 09:56 | A.3   | Roll Call Don McIsaac   |
| 0:09:41 | 09:57 | A.4   | Executive Director's Report   |
| 1:01:59 | 10:50 | A.5   | Agenda Dorothy Lowman   |
| 1:02:05 | 10:50 | A.5.a | Council Action: Approve Agenda  |
| 1:02:35 | 10:50 | B.    | Open Comment Period   |
| 1:02:39 | 10:50 | B.1   | Comments on Non-Agenda Items  |
| 1:03:57 | 10:52 | B.1.b | Public Comment  |
| 1:17:21 | 11:05 |       | Stop Recording [11:05]  |
| 1:17:21 | 11:15 |       | Start Recording [11:15]   |
| 1:17:32 | 11:16 | C.    | Administrative Matters  |
| 1:17:43 | 11:16 | C.1   | Update on Council Coordination Committee Meeting                      |
| 1:33:43 | 11:32 | C.1.c | Council Action: Consider Report from the Council Coordination Meeting |
| 1:34:07 | 11:32 | D.    | Ecosystem Management  |
| 1:35:05 | 11:33 | D.1   | Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative Scoping                             |
| 1:39:50 | 11:38 | D.1.a | Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management                |
| 1:49:35 | 11:48 |       | Stop Recording [11:48]  |

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| 0:00:16 | 01:01 | D.    | Ecosystem Management  |
| 0:00:17 | 01:01 | D.1   | Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative Scoping   |
| 0:00:19 | 01:01 | D.1.a | Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management  |
| 0:16:08 | 01:17 |       | Low Audio Level   |
| 0:16:26 | 01:17 |       | Normal Audio Level  |
| 0:30:29 | 01:31 | D.1.b | Public Comment  |
| 0:39:32 | 01:40 | D.1.c | Council Action: Determine Timeline for, and Issues to be Addressed in: 1) an Initiative to Develop and Refine Indicators for Ecosystem, and 2) an Initiative to Monitor Climate Shift |
| 1:38:21 | 02:39 |       | Stop Recording [02:39]  |

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0:00:00 02:52 Start Recording [02:52]  
0:00:04 02:53 D.2 Unmanaged Forage Fish Regulations Mike Burner  
0:08:44 03:01 D.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management  
Entities  
1:16:01 04:09 Stop Recording [04:09]

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0:00:38 04:21 D.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management  
Entities  
0:25:02 04:46 D.2.b Public Comment  
0:53:17 05:14 D.2.c Council Action: Deem Regulations Implementing Unmanaged  
Forage Fish Regulations in Four Fishery Management Plans and Finalize Council Operating  
Procedure 24 Outlining Process for Authorizing New Forage Fish Fisheries  
1:18:26 05:39 Stop Recording [05:39]

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0:00:23 08:05 A. Call to Order (reconvene)  
0:00:31 08:05 A.6 Commencing Remarks  
0:02:20 08:07 E. Salmon Management  
0:02:23 08:07 E.1 Salmon Methodology Review  
0:12:26 08:17 E.1.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management  
Entities  
0:20:38 08:25 E.1.c Council Action: Identify Priority Projects for Review in 2015  
(SUSPENDED@8:45am)  
0:40:43 08:45 E.2 Sacramento River Winter Chinook (SRWC) Update  
0:46:32 08:51 E.2.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
1:18:03 09:22 E.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
1:21:21 09:26 E.2.c Council Action: Consider Sacramento River and Ocean  
Conditions Relative to SRWC Spawning and Survival, Revisions to the Harvest Control Rule,  
and Plans for 2016 Fishery Management Objectives  
1:29:48 09:34 E.1.c Council Action: Identify Priority Projects for Review in 2015  
1:42:22 09:47 Stop Recording [09:47]

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0:00:00 10:02 Start Recording [10:02]  
0:00:09 10:03 F. Habitat  
0:00:14 10:03 F.1 Current Habitat Issues Jennifer Gilden  
0:01:45 10:04 F.1.a Report of the Habitat Committee Eric Wilkins  
0:15:35 10:18 F.1.c Public Comment  
0:40:14 10:43 F.1.d Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations  
0:55:58 10:58 G. Highly Migratory Species Management  
0:56:14 11:08 G.1 Update on International Issues Kit Dahl  
1:08:53 11:21 G.1.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
1:47:05 11:59 Stop Recording [11:59]

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0:21:08 01:21 G.1.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
0:37:09 01:37 G.1.b Public Comment  
0:56:08 01:56 G.1.c Council Action: Consider Action on International Issues as Appropriate, including Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Activities  
1:19:46 02:20 Stop Recording [02:20]

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0:00:40 02:30 G.2 Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps  
0:08:52 02:39 G.2.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
1:07:09 03:37 G.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
1:36:21 04:06 G.2.b Public Comment  
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0:02:08 08:04 G.2 Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps Kit Dahl  
  
0:02:10 08:04 G.2.b Public Comment  
0:25:15 08:27 Stop Recording [08:27]  
0:25:15 08:41 Start Recording [08:41]  
0:25:24 08:41 G.2.c Council Action: Consider Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan, and Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives for Hardcaps  
2:04:46 10:20 Stop Recording [10:20]

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0:00:06 10:32 G.2 Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps  
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1:22:29 12:12 Stop Recording [12:12]

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0:07:41 01:27 G.2 Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps  
0:07:43 01:27 G.2.c Council Action: Consider Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan, and Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives for Hardcaps  
0:44:09 02:08 H. Groundfish Management

0:44:31 02:08 H.1 Mid-Water Recreational Fishing Regulations Kelly Ames  
0:50:23 02:14 H.1.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities ( NOTE:  
started earlier)  
1:10:04 02:34 H.1.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
1:56:04 03:20 Stop Recording [03:20]

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0:00:03 03:28 H. Groundfish Management  
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Entities  
0:11:22 03:40 H.1.b Public Comment  
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0:00:10 04:28 H. Groundfish Management  
0:00:12 04:28 H.1 Mid-Water Recreational Fishing Regulations  
0:00:14 04:28 H.1.c Council Action: Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Alternative for  
Mid-Water Recreational Fishing Regulations in Oregon and California  
0:24:29 04:53 H. Groundfish Management (continued)  
0:24:30 04:53 H.2 Consideration of Gear Regulations for the Trawl Catch Shares  
Sector Jamie Goen  
0:40:01 05:08 H.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management  
Entities  
0:59:49 05:28 H.2.b Public Comment  
1:18:40 05:47 H.2.c Council Action: Adopt a Range of Alternatives for Changing  
Gear Regulations for the Trawl Catch Shares Sector  
1:27:32 05:56 Stop Recording [05:56]

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0:05:41 08:07 G.2 Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps Kit Dahl  
0:05:43 08:07 G.2.c Council Action: Consider Swordfish Management and  
Monitoring Plan, and Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives for Hardcaps  
0:10:56 08:12 C.2 Legislative Matters Jennifer Gilden  
0:13:21 08:14 C.2.a Report of the Legislative Committee Jennifer Gilden  
0:17:42 08:19 C.2.b Reports and Comments of Advisory  
0:18:46 08:20 C.2.d Council Action: Consider the Report and Recommendations of  
the Legislative Committee  
0:26:09 08:32 H.3 Final Stock Assessments John DeVore  
0:27:25 08:33 H.3.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management  
Entities  
0:43:54 08:50 H.3.b Public Comment  
0:52:45 08:59 H.3.c Council Action: Approve Final Stock Assessments for 2017-  
2018 Management  
1:00:38 09:07 Stop Recording [09:07]

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0:00:03 09:14 H.4 Electronic Monitoring Regulations and Exempted Fishing Permit Update Brett Wiedoff  
0:03:19 09:17 H.4.a Reports and Comments of National Marine Fisheries Service Melissa Hooper  
0:57:09 10:11 H.4.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
1:23:04 10:37 H.4.b Public Comment  
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0:00:08 11:09 H.4 Electronic Monitoring Regulations and Exempted Fishing Permit Update  
0:00:34 11:09 H.4.c Council Action: Consider Preliminary Results of EFPs Relative to Council Action and Implications for Development of Proposed Regulations for Electronic Monitoring in the Whiting Fishery  
0:35:15 11:44 H.5 Specifications Process for 2017-2018 Management  
0:51:01 11:59 Stop Recording [11:59]

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0:00:08 01:04 H.5 Specifications Process for 2017-2018 Management  
0:16:58 01:20 H.5.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
1:16:05 02:20 H.5.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
1:23:41 02:27 Stop Recording [02:27]

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0:00:20 02:38 H.5 Specifications Process for 2017-2018 Management  
0:00:33 02:38 H.5.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
0:06:46 02:44 H.5.b Public Comment  
0:30:48 03:08 H.5.c Council Action: Adopt Final Overfishing Limits and Preliminary P\*/Acceptable Biological Catches, a Range of Alternatives and a Preliminary Preferred Alternative for Managing Skates, a Preliminary Range of New Management Measures, and Review a Contingency Schedule  
1:21:38 03:59 Stop Recording [03:59]

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0:00:48 04:04 H.8 Amendment to Modify Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat and to Adjust Rockfish Conservation Areas / Overview Kerry Griffin/Colby Brady  
0:52:29 04:56 H.6 Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Reinitiation of Consultation Workshop Report  
0:58:55 05:02 H.6.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities Susan Bishop (ppt)  
1:52:04 05:56 Stop Recording [05:56]

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0:00:08 08:03 A. Call to Order (reconvene)  
0:00:46 08:04 A.8 Commencing Remarks

0:02:11 08:05 H.6 Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Reinitiation of Consultation Workshop Report  
0:02:15 08:05 H.6.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
0:31:22 08:34 H.6.b Public Comment  
1:05:11 09:08 H.6.c Council Action: 1) Consider Workshop Report and New Information on Salmon Bycatch in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery and 2) Provide Guidance on the Biological Opinion Proposed Action for Ongoing Management of the Groundfish Fishery Taking into Account Salmon Bycatch  
1:48:30 09:52 Stop Recording [09:52]

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0:00:44 10:02 Accumulation Limit Adjustments John DeVore  
0:04:37 10:06 H.7.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:21:23 10:22 H.7.b Public Comment  
0:49:55 10:51 H.7.c Council Action: Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Intersector Allocation Alternative for Blackgill-Slope Rockfish and Consider Recommending Accumulation Limit Adjustments  
1:06:30 11:08 Stop Recording [11:08]

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0:00:26 11:16 to Adjust Rockfish Conservation Areas  
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0:00:20 04:33 H.9 Inseason Adjustments Kelly Ames  
0:02:13 04:35 H.9.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
0:06:49 04:40 H.9.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
0:41:07 05:14 H.9.b Public Comment  
1:02:40 05:36 H.9.c Council Action: Consider Inseason Adjustments as Necessary  
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0:00:19 08:03 A.10 Commencing Remarks  
0:04:10 08:07 H.10. Groundfish Management Science Improvements and Methodology  
Review Topics John DeVore  
0:41:51 08:45 H.10.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management  
Entities (NOTE: Started earlier)  
0:46:26 08:50 H.10.c Council Action: Adopt a Plan for Improvements in Groundfish  
Management Science and Identify Priority Stock Assessment Methodology Review Topics for  
2016  
1:02:02 09:05 I Pacific Halibut Management  
1:05:25 09:09 I.1.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
1:25:09 09:28 I.1.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies (GAP)  
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0:00:21 09:43 I.1.b Public Comment  
0:05:28 09:49 I.1.c Council Action: Adopt for Public Review Proposed Changes for  
the 2016 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations  
0:18:09 10:01 C.3 Approval of Council Meeting Record Dorothy Lowman  
0:18:44 10:02 C.3.a Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record  
0:20:29 10:04 C.4 Fiscal Matters Chuck Tracy  
0:21:21 10:04 C.4.a Report of the Budget Committee  
0:26:40 10:10 C.4.d Council Action: Consider Budget Committee Recommendations  
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0:00:03 10:45 C.5 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures  
0:18:26 11:04 C.5.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
0:21:12 11:06 C.5.c Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees  
and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures  
0:31:31 11:17 C.6 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning  
0:35:24 11:21 C.6.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management  
Entities  
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1:47:03 12:45 C.6.b Public Comment  
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and Workload Planning  
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