



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2015

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

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November 2015 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 13-19, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove, California. The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) will meet November 13-14. The CPSAS will be meeting in the Madrid Room, and the CPSMT will be meeting in the Barcelona Room. The CPSAS and CPSMT will meeting jointly in the Madrid Room, 9 a.m. through 2:30 p.m., November 13, and again from 8 a.m. through 9 a.m. on November 14. Major topics for discussion at this meeting include:

#### **Pacific Sardine Distribution Workshop**

The Council, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Southwest Fisheries Science Center co-hosted a scientific workshop to examine the Distribution parameter in the harvest control rule used to manage Pacific sardine. The Council will determine at the November meeting, whether the workshop information and recommendations warrant further consideration of changing the Distribution parameter.

#### **2016 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) Notice of Intent**

If no EFP requests are brought forth at the November meeting, this agenda item will likely be canceled. As of the advance briefing book deadline, no EFP requests had been submitted.

#### **Anchovy General Status Overview**

The SWFSC will provide an update to the Council regarding the current status and management of northern anchovy. Neither the central nor the northern subpopulations of northern anchovy have been assessed recently, and the Council has expressed a desire to gain a better understanding of the status and trends in those stocks.

#### **2016 Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection and Data-Limited Assessment Methods**

Council Operating Procedure 26 establishes procedures for the review and Council approval of CPS methodology and data reviews. These reviews are typically related to CPS stock assessments,

although they may be applied to methods in other areas such as economic analysis or ecosystem-based fishery management models. Methodologies proposed for review are submitted for the November Council meeting, and if approved, will be scheduled for a formal review.

The November briefing book contains two methodology review proposals. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Wetfish Producers Association submitted the Southern California CPS Survey, which is a nearshore Southern California aerial survey. The SWFSC submitted the acoustic-trawl survey for review.

The Southwest Fisheries Science Center also will present a white paper that discusses the potential for applying groundfish data-limited stock assessment approaches to CPS.

### **Stock Assessment Prioritization for the 2019-20 Management Cycle**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is proposing a new Stock Assessment Prioritization process to assure efficient use of limited assessment capacity. This process is designed to be implemented in collaboration with the Regional Fishery Management Councils so that it can be tailored to address regional assessment needs. Although the Council's action under this agenda item is specific to Pacific Coast groundfish, the CPSMT and CPSAS should consider potential application of the process to CPS assessments.

Enclosed are November agenda materials for your review. Thank you for spending your time – including many weekends – participating in the important process of West Coast fisheries management.

Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.1 – Tri-State Enforcement Report
3. Agenda Item H.1 – Pacific Sardine Distribution Workshop
4. Agenda Item H.2 – 2016 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) Notice of Intent
5. Agenda Item H.3 – Anchovy General Status Overview
6. Agenda Item H.4 – 2016 Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection Including Data-Limited Assessment Methods
7. Agenda Item I.7 – Stock Assessment Prioritization for the 2019-20 Management Cycle
8. Agenda Item F.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
9. CPSAS Agenda
10. CPSMT Agenda
11. SSC Agenda
12. Hotel Information
13. Council Roster