



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 21, 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: November Council Meeting

The Council meeting begins Saturday, November 14, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove, California. The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will meet Friday and Saturday, November 13-14. The HMSAS will be in the Valencia Room and the HMSMT will be in the Granada Room. The meetings begin at 8 a.m. each day. Two HMS topics are on the Council agenda. Briefing materials for Agenda Item F.6, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning, are also attached. Summaries of the two HMS topics follow.

### G.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Ms. Heidi Taylor will provide an update on recent regulatory activities and international fisheries activities related to the Council's Fishery Management Plan for West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species. Dr. Gerard DiNardo will update the Council on National Marine Fisheries Service's current investigation of adult populations of Pacific bluefin tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and the possibility they are spawning in this area.

This agenda item does not involve Council action and is noticed as "discussion."

### G.2 Swordfish Management Policy Connections

A draft of the Swordfish Fishery Management and Monitoring Plan was presented to the Council at its September 2015 meeting. The Council requested that an opportunity to further discuss the plan and its contents be placed on the November agenda.

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Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 1, Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary, shows Federal HMS Permit Scoping and Amendment 4 Scoping: Authorizing Shallow-Set Longline Fishery Outside EEZ HMS are tentatively scheduled for the March 2016 Council meeting. Preliminary discussion of these items is included as a topic on the HMSAS and HMSMT 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.

As always, thank you for your service to the Council process.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4: Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item G.1: National Marine Fisheries Report
3. Agenda Item G.2: Swordfish Management Policy Connections
4. Agenda Item F.6: Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
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