



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2015
TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup, and Interested Persons
FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: November Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 13-19, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove, California. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), Salmon Technical Team (STT), and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not be meeting at the November Council meeting. A webinar will be held at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 that will focus on salmon, Pacific halibut, enforcement, and administrative agenda items on the Council's November agenda.

The Council is scheduled to take final action on salmon methodology changes for 2016 and adopt a revised Catch Sharing Plan and 2016 regulations for Pacific halibut. The Council will be conducting its annual review of the salmon preseason process under Agenda Item D.3 and this year's review includes approval of the proposed process and schedule for reviewing Sacramento River winter Chinook harvest policy.

There are a few administrative matters on the September Council agenda of interest. Under Agenda Item F.2, Legislative Matters, the Council and its Legislative Committee will be discussing bills regarding water management drought conditions in California and a draft Council report on the matter. Under Agenda Item F.5 the Council will be appointing non-agency advisory body members for the 2016-2018 term (including all of the members of the SAS) and it is anticipated that the Council will appoint members to the Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup

Under Agenda Item C.2, the Council is scheduled to adopt a preliminary preferred alternative regarding vessel movement monitoring requirements. This item will likely be more of a focus item for the SAS, particularly those commercial fisherman who are required to have a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) due to their participation in the open access sector of the groundfish fishery.

The Council's Annual Award Banquet will be a 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 14th. This year's honorees include Wayne Butler, Gway Rogers-Kirchner, Mark Helvey, Eugene Law, Dale Myer, Andy Rankis, David Sones, Cindy Thomson, and Henry Yuen. Although the salmon advisory groups are not meeting in November, please take a moment to reflect on the substantial contributions that many of these honorees have made to salmon management over the years and please send them your sentiments if you feel so inclined.

You may 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.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your participation.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A – Executive Director’s Report and Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.2 – Enforcement
3. Agenda Item D.1, D.2, and D.3 – Salmon Management
4. Agenda Item E.1 – Habitat Issues
5. Agenda Items F.2, F.5, and F.6– Administrative Matters
6. Agenda Item J.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
7. Informational Reports
8. Council Roster