



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 15, 2017

TO: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Management Team, and Groundfish Interested Persons

FROM: Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: March Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet March 7-13, 2017, at the Hilton Vancouver Hotel, 301 West Sixth Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8. The GMT will meet in the Pine room and the GAP will meet in the Oak room.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest, including:

- Matters raised during the open comment period;
  - Current habitat matters;
  - Consider the Annual State of the California Current Ecosystem Report;
  - Review Progress and Provide Guidance regarding Sablefish Ecosystem Indicators;
  - Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives
  - Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting;
  - Incidental catch recommendation options for the salmon troll and final recommendations for fixed gear sablefish fisheries;
  - Reports and recommendations from groundfish science workshops and methodology reviews;
  - Consideration of inseason adjustments, including carryover;
  - Implementation of the 2017 Pacific Whiting Fishery under the U.S./Canada Agreement;
  - Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures; and
  - Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning.
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This mailing includes the enclosures listed below. Please review these briefing materials in advance to facilitate an efficient meeting week. As always, all briefing materials are also available on the web at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-meeting/>.

Thank you for your commitment to the Council process and management of Pacific groundfish fisheries.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item C – Administrative Matters
4. Agenda Item D – Habitat Matters
5. Agenda Item F – Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management
6. Agenda Item H – Pacific Halibut Management
7. Agenda Item I – Groundfish Management
8. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
9. GAP Agenda
10. GMT Agenda
11. Scientific Statistical Committee Agenda and Draft Minutes
12. Hotel-related Information
13. Council Roster

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