



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 21, 2017

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

FROM: Ms. Kelly Ames, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: April Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 6-11, 2017, DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 7. The GMT will meet in Maxi's room and the GAP will meet in Capitol Salon B.

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;
 - Legislative matters;
 - Reports from the West Coast Region and Northwest Fisheries Science Center;
 - Non-whiting midwater and bottom trawl fisheries electronic monitoring exempted fishing permit results; confirming or revising the Council's final preferred alternatives for non-whiting midwater and bottom trawl fisheries electronic monitoring regulations;
 - Final recommendations to the National Marine Fisheries Service on Chinook bycatch thresholds and other measures for the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation on the groundfish fisheries;
 - Providing guidance on the trawl catch shares program and allocation reviews, considering trawl catch share trailing actions, and any necessary action based on the cost recovery report;
 - Reviewing the Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup recommendations and identifying measures to be evaluated for the 2019-2020 biennial management period or other appropriate actions;
 - Consideration of inseason adjustments;
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- Adopting for public review revised coordinates for the 125 fathom Rockfish Conservation Area Line in California;
- Adopting for public review revised sablefish electronic ticket reporting requirements;
- Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures; and
- Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning.

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 – Groundfish Management
6. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
7. GAP Agenda
8. GMT Agenda
9. Scientific Statistical Committee Agenda and Draft Minutes
10. Hotel-related Information
11. Council Roster

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