



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2017

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

FROM: Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 7-14, 2017, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center, 322 North Spokane Falls Court Spokane, WA 99201. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 8. The GMT will meet in Suite B and the GAP will meet in Suite A.

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;
  - Reports from the West Coast Region and Northwest Fisheries Science Center;
  - Approval of the Trawl Catch Shares Draft Program Review for public review, approval of the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Appendix E, and guidance on intersector allocations and initial priorities for trawl catch share follow-on actions;
  - Scoping of issues for applying sablefish and lingcod discard survival credits in trawl catch share accounts and provide guidance on future analyses and schedule;
  - Approve final stock assessment updates and cowcod catch report for 2019-2020 management;
  - Scope issues for multi-year average catch policy and provide guidance on future analyses and schedule;
  - Review electronic ticket reporting timeline requirements;
  - Initial scoping of issues and adoption of a process for specifications and management measures for 2019-2020 fisheries;
  - Review progress report for the gear modification exempted fishing permit (EFP) and adopt the preliminary coastwide non-whiting midwater EFP for public review;
  - Legislative matters;
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- Review IPHC report and provide guidance on developing a range of alternatives for future area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan changes;
- Adopt Final revised coordinates for the 125 fathom line for the Rockfish Conservation Area in California;
- Consideration of inseason adjustments;
- Provide recommendations on National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Office of Law Enforcement priorities;
- Review and comment on the Stock Assessment Improvement Plan;
- Review and Comment on the NMFS white paper on Best Scientific Information Available;
- 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 C – Administrative Matters
3. Agenda Item E – Habitat Matters
4. Agenda Item F – Groundfish Management
5. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
6. GAP Agenda
7. GMT Agenda
8. Scientific Statistical Committee Agenda and Draft Minutes
9. Hotel-related Information
10. Council Roster

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