



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 22, 2017

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore

SUBJECT: September 2017 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 11-18, 2017, at the The Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, ID. The Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC's) Ecosystem Subcommittee will meet Monday, September 11 starting at 10 a.m. and Thursday, September 14 starting at 8 a.m. in the Cinnabar Room. The full SSC will meet on Tuesday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 13 starting at 8 a.m. each day in the Cinnabar Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

#### Council Administrative Matters

The SSC will review their potential workload in the next year and may recommend to the Council which tasks are prioritized.

The SSC will review the credentials for eight nominees to Council advisory bodies. There are two vacancies in the SSC. Dr. Martin Dorn will vacate his seat in November, which has been re-designated an at-large seat. Dr. Kevin Piner, National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC), has resigned his seat. The SWFSC is requesting Dr. John Field be re-assigned to the SWFSC seat on the SSC, which would leave an at-large seat currently assigned to Dr. Field. Assuming Council action to fulfill the SWFSC request, there will be two at-large SSC seats to fill. Dr. Derek Dapp, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, has been nominated for an at-large seat on the SSC. Dr. Jason Schaffler, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, has been nominated for an at-large seat on the SSC. Ms. Meisha Key has been nominated for an at-large seat on the SSC. Dr. Rishi Sharma, National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), has been nominated for an at-large SSC seat. Dr. Kayleigh Somers, NWFSC, has been nominated for the NWFSC seat on the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) vacated by Mr. Jerry Leonard. Dr. Andrew Thompson has been nominated for the SWFSC seat on the GMT vacated by Dr. Melissa Monk. Ms. Melissa Mandrup, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), has been nominated for the CDFW seat on the GMT vacated by Mr. Robert

Leos. Mr. Alex Letvin, CDFW, has been nominated for the CDFW seat on the Salmon Technical Team vacated by Mr. Brett Kormos.

### Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Management

The SSC will review a draft Terms of Reference for the 2018 Acoustic Trawl Survey Methodology Review and should provide comments and recommended edits for Council adoption.

### Salmon Management

The SSC will recommend candidate items for an October methodology review by the SSC's Salmon Subcommittee and the Salmon Technical Team.

The SSC will review new analyses in a Management Strategy Evaluation of Sacramento River Winter Chinook control rule alternatives and consider endorsing these analyses as best scientific information available for management decision-making.

### Groundfish Management

The SSC will review and prioritize candidate groundfish management science improvements to inform future analyses. The SSC will recommend their prioritized list of these science activities to the Council.

The SSC will review and recommend candidate groundfish methodology proposals to inform future stock assessments. The SSC will recommend assessment methodologies warranting a formal methodology review to be conducted next year to the Council.

The SSC will review new full assessments for lingcod, Pacific ocean perch, yelloweye rockfish, yellowtail rockfish, blue and deacon rockfishes, and California scorpionfish, and will consider endorsing these assessments to inform groundfish management decision-making as best available science. This review is the final step in the SSC review process for these items that was initiated in an August 28 webinar of the SSC.

The SSC will finalize their review of proposed overfishing limits (OFLs), stock categories, and sigma values (i.e., estimated or proxy biomass variances) for each stock or stock category to inform 2019 and 2020 management decisions. This review includes catch-only updates of 2015 assessments for canary and chilipepper rockfish, as well as new analyses informing sigmas. This review is the final step in the SSC review process for these items that was initiated in an August 28 meeting of the SSC and an August 29 meeting of the SSC's Groundfish Subcommittee. The SSC will recommend OFLs, stock categories, and sigma values to the Council for management decision-making.

### Ecosystem-Based Management

The SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee will meet on September 11 to review a Climate Vulnerability Assessment Report. The subcommittee's recommendations will be communicated to the SSC to inform their discussion and recommendations to the Council.

The SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee will meet on September 11 to review and discuss scientific aspects of two candidate Fishery Ecosystem Plan initiatives proposed by the Ecosystem Workgroup. The subcommittee's findings on these initiatives will be communicated to the SSC to inform their discussion and possible recommendations to the Council.

Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

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Enclosures include:

### Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.5 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item H.4 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
3. Agenda Item H.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

4. Agenda Item C.1 – Acoustic Trawl Survey Methodology Review Terms of Reference

### Groundfish Management

5. Agenda Item E.2 – Off-Year Science Improvements
6. Agenda Item E.3 – Stock Assessment Methodology Review Topic Selection
7. Agenda Item E.8 – Adopt Final Stock Assessments
8. Agenda Item E.9 – Initial Harvest Specifications and Management Measure Actions for 2019-2020 Management

### Salmon Management

9. Agenda Item F.1 – Methodology Review Final Topic Selection
10. Agenda Item F.2 – Sacramento River Winter Chinook Control Rule, Preliminary Recommendations

### Ecosystem-Based Management

11. Agenda Item I.1 – Climate Vulnerability Assessment Report
12. Agenda Item I.2 – Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives: Scoping and Selection

SSC Agenda, Draft SSC Minutes, Closed Session, Etc.

13. September 2017 SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee Agenda
14. September 2017 SSC Agenda
15. Draft June 2017 SSC Minutes
16. Memo from Chuck Tracy to Advisory Bodies
17. Administrative Closed Session
18. Informational Reports
19. Hotel-Related Information
20. Roster

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