



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2017

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

FROM: Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 14-20, 2017, at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14 in the Bristol 1 Room. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14 in the Newport Beach 1 and 2 Rooms.

The Council will host its Annual Banquet the evening of Wednesday, November 15. This year's honorees include Martin Dorn, Jeff Feldner, Kathy Fosmark, Steve Freese, Mariam McCall, and John Stein. Visit the Council web page at www.pcouncil.org for banquet details.

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

- Matters raised during the Open Comment Period;
 - Reports from the West Coast Region and Northwest Fisheries Science Center;
 - Adopt Final Changes for the 2018 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations and Provide Guidance on Further Consideration of Options to Address Derby Fisheries;
 - Trawl Catch Share Review – Adopt Final Trawl Catch Share Review Report and a Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Follow-On Actions
 - Legislative Matters;
 - Essential Fish Habitat – Rockfish Conservation Area Amendment, Informational Update
 - Adopt Final Stock Assessments and Rebuilding Analyses for Use in the 2019-2020 Management Cycle and Beyond;
 - Mid-Biennium Harvest Specifications Adjustments, Final Action to Adopt Final Policy Alternative for Mid-Biennium Harvest Specifications Adjustments;
 - Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2019-2020 - Adopt Final 2019-2020 Overfishing Limits, Final P*/Acceptable Biological Catches, Preliminary Preferred Annual Catch Limits for Stocks and Stock Complexes, and Consider Associated Issues Other Than Management Measures
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- Endangered Species Act Consultations on Salmon and Seabirds – Provide Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service on Mitigation Measures and a Process for Implementation of Biological Opinions;
- Adopt for Public Review Preliminary Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) for 2019-2020;
- Biennial Management Measures for 2019-2020 – Adopt Any Remaining 2019-2020 Harvest Specifications, Preliminary Two-Year Allocations, and Management Measures for Detailed Analysis;
- Off-Year Science and Stock Assessment Methodology Review – Adopt a Plan for Improvements in Groundfish Management Science and Identify Priority Stock Assessment Methodology Review Topics for 2018;
- Adopt Final Pacific Halibut Discard Mortality Rates, Discard Species Lists, and a Third-Party Video Review Policy for Groundfish Trawl Electronic Monitoring Regulations;
- Cost Recovery Update;
- Tri-State Enforcement Report;
- Final Action on Inseason Adjustments for 2017 and 2018 - Adopt Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides for 2018 and Final Inseason Adjustments for 2017 and 2018 as Necessary, to Achieve, but Not Exceed, Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives; 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 E – Pacific Halibut Management
4. Agenda Item F – Groundfish Management
5. Agenda Item G.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
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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