



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2017

TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup, Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup and Interested Persons

FROM: Robin Ehlke, Salmon Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November 2017 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 14-20, 2017 at the Hilton Orange County in Costa Mesa, California. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will meet November 14-15. The entire Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup (SRWCW) will not attend the meeting, only the Chair of SRWCW will attend (November 14-15). The Salmon Technical Team (STT), the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not be meeting at the November Council meeting. A webinar, which is open to the public, is scheduled for November 2 for the STT and MEW to discuss items on the Council's November agenda.

There are four salmon items scheduled for the November Council meeting, which include 1.) A report from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 2.) The conclusion of this year's salmon methodology review, 3.) Final recommendation for a Sacramento River Winter Chinook Control Rule, and 4.) Final Council recommendation on the preseason salmon management schedule for 2018.

At its September 2017 meeting, the Council approved one item for this year's methodology review. The topic under review is a "Technical Revision to the Marine Survival Index of the Oregon Coastal Natural Coho Work Group Harvest Matrix." The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Salmon Subcommittee and the STT held a methodology review meeting on October 17, 2017 via webinar. Results of this meeting will be presented for final consideration at the upcoming November Council meeting.

Additional topics on the Council agenda for November include, but are not limited to, the adoption of final Pacific Halibut Catch Share Plan changes and regulations for 2018 (Agenda Item E.1) and an update from NMFS on the Endangered Species Act consultation on Salmon and Seabirds (Agenda Item F.7). Under Legislative Matters (Agenda Item G.1), there are a few topics impacting salmon that the groups may want to comment on, including HR Bill 23 (GROW act). The Tri-State enforcement report (Agenda Item I.1) will also be part of the Council agenda. The Council will also take up the usual administrative matters including membership appointments, future workload and agenda planning.

Lastly, 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.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Items D.1, D.2, D.3, and D.4 – Salmon Management
3. Agenda Item E.1– Pacific Halibut Management
4. Agenda Items F.7 – Groundfish Management
5. Agenda Item G.1 - Legislative Matters
6. Agenda Items G.4 and G.5 – Administrative Matters
7. Groundfish Advisory Subpanel Agenda
8. SAS Agenda
9. Scientific and Statistical Committee Agenda
10. Informational Reports
11. Hotel-Related Information
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