

**GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON THE FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING**

The GMT reviewed Agenda Item B.7.a. Attachment 1, Preliminary Year-at-a Glance Summary and Agenda Item B.7.a. Attachment 2, Preliminary Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, June 20-26, 2013 in Garden Grove, CA, and offers the following regarding upcoming Council meetings and anticipated workload for GMT members for Council consideration.

The GMT would like some guidance on prioritization for Agenda Items at the June Council meeting. There are currently 10 groundfish agenda items, as well as several other agenda items, that the GMT may be following. Detailed discussions and statements from the GMT on each agenda item are not feasible. Table 1 has the GMT's attempt at some prioritization. The GMT requests specific guidance if the Council has different expectations than what is shown. As above, we request that Council staff has the flexibility to adjust team priorities and schedules if new issues develop.

Additionally, the GMT, or subgroup of, would like to meet, either in person or via webinar, to prepare further analysis and/or documentation for the stock complex reorganization agenda item, in time for the briefing book deadline for the June 2013 council meeting. We will work with Council staff to determine the timing and location of that meeting, and to get the meeting noticed.

Table 1 . June 2013 Agenda Items that the GMT may be tracking.

Groundfish Agenda Items	Council Floor	GMT Statement?	GMT Priority^a
1. NMFS Report	Fri	maybe	
2. Status of Rationalized Fisheries	Fri	maybe	
3. Midwater Sport Fishery	Fri	yes	*
4. Approve Stock Assessments	Fri/Sat	yes	*
5. Adopt Stock complex PPA	Sat	yes	*
6. Sablefish Ownership: PPA	Sat	maybe	
7. Adopt Preliminary Seabird Protection	Sat	likely	

Regulations			
8. Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions	Sun	likely	*
9. Consider SPEX MGT Measures, & NEPA process for 2015-16 and beyond (may be split into several different agenda items)	Sun/Mon	yes	*
10. Inseason	Mon	yes	*
Non-Groundfish Agenda Items			
Enforcement: VMS Declarations	Thu	no	
Future workload planning	Tue	maybe	
Total Potential Statements by the GMT		11	
^a The Council has final say in priority of Agenda Items, this is what the GMT thinks are the higher priority agenda items, provided to help inform the Council decision.			