



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2014

TO: Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, and Interested Persons

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: March 2014 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet March 7-13, 2014, at the Doubletree Hotel Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California. The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will be meeting in Capitol Salon C, starting at 8:00 am on Monday March 10. Major topics for discussion at this meeting include:

Pacific Sardine Temperature Parameter Review

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) prepared a report (Agenda Item I.1.c, CPSMT report) on this topic for Council and Advisory Body consideration. Although the CPSMT will not be convening at this Council meeting, a joint conference call is scheduled for February 25, 2014, and Lorna Wargo (co-Chair, CPSMT) will be present at the CPSAS meeting on March 10 to answer questions about the CPSMT report. Also included in your briefing book materials is the revised F_{msy} Analyses paper by Hurtado and Punt (Agenda Item I.1.b, Report on Pacific Sardine Temperature Parameters).

The CPSMT report will discuss the new F_{msy} -temperature relationship that is based on CalCOFI sea surface temperatures, rather than Scripps Institution of Oceanography temperatures that have been used up to this point. The report will also discuss the scenarios for a different harvest guideline approach, for Council consideration. The CPSAS should develop a supplemental report to the Council.

Electronic Fish Tickets

There are potential advantages to an electronic fish ticket system that could replace the use of paper fish tickets. This is a discussion item only, although the CPSAS could submit a supplemental report under Future Agenda Planning.

U.S. Coast Guard Review on Jones Act/Net Tonnage Issues

The HMSAS will join the CPSAS in Capitol Salon C for this topic. Commander Vivian Louie from the District 11 (California) office will give an overview of the tonnage issue, as well as a summary of recent actions taken by the Coast Guard. Lieutenant Cody Dunagan and Brian

Corrigan will also be present. The overview will be followed by a question/answer session. There is no supplemental report anticipated for this agenda item.

Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Priorities

The CPSAS should consider recent Senate testimony by Dr. McIsaac regarding MSA priorities, and may submit a supplemental report. However, it is anticipated that the Council will consider legislative issues related to MSA reauthorization more in depth at the June 2014 Council meeting.

KZO Sea Farms/Aquaculture Update

The Council's Habitat Committee drafted a letter to the California Coastal Commission and to the Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, expressing concerns about a proposed mariculture project 8.5 miles offshore from Long Beach, California. The agenda item will be over before the CPSAS convenes, but the CPSAS will have an opportunity to discuss the issue on the February 25, 2014 conference call, and may submit a report to the Council.

Future Agenda Planning

The CPSAS should spend some time discussing items for the April and June Council meetings, including Pacific sardine and Pacific mackerel harvest and management measures, exempted fishing permit consideration, and the upcoming methodology review.

Enclosed are March agenda materials for your review. Thank you for your continued participation in the Council process, and for your commitment to sustainable fisheries, fish populations, and our coastal communities.

KFG:rdd

Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. Agenda Item C.1 – California Current Ecosystem Report Including Integrated Ecosystem Assessment
4. Agenda Item E.1 – Current Habitat Issues
5. Agenda Item I.1 – Pacific Sardine Temperature Parameters Review
6. Agenda Item J.1 – Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Priorities and Other Legislative Matters
7. Agenda Item J.3 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
8. Agenda Item J.4 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
9. Agenda Item K.4 – U.S.-Canada Albacore Update
10. CPSAS Agenda
11. SSC Agenda
12. Hotel Information
13. Roster