



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2014

TO: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup, and Interested Persons

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet September 10-17, 2014 at the Doubletree by Hilton Spokane City Center in Spokane, Washington. The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) will meet Friday, September 12 in Suite B. The Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup will not be meeting at the September Council meeting.

The Comprehensive Ecosystem Based Amendment relative to Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative 1 to protect unmanaged forage fish species will be the focus of our deliberations in Spokane. At this meeting, the Council is tasked with confirming a preliminary preferred alternative and with adopting draft amendment language for each of the Council's four Fishery Management Plans for public review. Final action is scheduled for March in Vancouver, Washington.

There are a few administrative matters on the September Council agenda of interest. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is requesting comments on a draft Regional Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan (Informational Report 1) for West Coast marine fisheries that has been developed in response to a NMFS Policy Directive on the matter. The draft plan is not on the Council's September agenda. I will be collecting comments in September to be forwarded to NMFS for use in revising the draft for the November Council meeting.

Lastly, under Agenda Item I.2, the Council will review three executive actions issued by President Obama in June that relate to fisheries management: 1) a proposed Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, 2) combating black market fishing, deterring illegal fishing, addressing seafood fraud, and preventing illegally-caught fish from entering the marketplace, and 3) a series of actions aimed at protecting coastal communities from the impacts of climate change and improving domestic aquaculture.

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A – Executive Director's Report and Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item H.1 – Ecosystem-Based Management
3. Agenda Items I.1, I.2, and I.6 – Council Administrative Matters
4. Informational Reports
5. Hotel related information