Motion 1: Adopt the proposed agenda (Agenda Item A.4, March 2013 Council Meeting Agenda) as our working agenda for this meeting, with the proviso that all decisions made at this meeting, with the exception of C.6, Adoption of 2013 Management Alternatives for Public Review and C.7, Salmon Hearings Officers, be considered “Preliminary Selections” to be formalized under a specific agenda item at the April 2013 Council Meeting.

Moved by: Dorothy Lowman          Seconded by: Gway Kirchner
Motion 1 carried unanimously.

Motion 2: Adopt the 2013 stock abundance forecasts, ABCs, and ACLs as shown in Supplemental Preseason Report 1, February 2013, with the addition of a Grays Harbor wild Chinook forecast of 20,636 adults and a Grays Harbor hatchery Chinook forecast of 3,632 adults.

Moved by: Phil Anderson          Seconded by: Steve Williams
Motion 2 carried unanimously.

Motion 3: Council forward approval of the Northwest Sardine Survey 2012-2013 Application (Agenda Item D.1.a, Attachment 2: West Coast Aerial Sardine Survey 2012 Application for Exempted Fishing Permit).

Moved By: Steve Williams          Seconded by: Michele Culver

Amndmnt 1: Council to include Agenda Item D.1.a, Attachment 3: Addendum to West Coast Aerial Sardine Survey 2012 Application for Exempted Fishing Permit in the motion.

Moved By: Michele Culver          Seconded by: Dale Myer
Amendment 1 carried unanimously. Motion 3, as amended, carried unanimously.

Motion 4: Council adopt the final five year Research and Data Needs document (Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1) with changes as indicated in: Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental SSC Report recommending categorization of research needs in the Ecosystem Section based exclusively on the potential benefits; Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental GMT Report recommending additional research and data needs; and Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental GAP Report bullets 1 and 3, recommending changes to the priorities for reading hake survey otoliths and exploring the use of hook-and-line surveys to cover untrawlable areas.
Amndmnt 1: Include all three bullets from Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental GAP Report.

Moved By: Marci Yaremko  
Seconded by: Buzz Brizendine
Amendment 1 carried unanimously.  
Motion 4, as amended, carried unanimously.

Motion 5:  
Direct the South of Humbug Pacific Halibut Workgroup to analyze the impacts of moving the central Oregon subarea boundary south from Humbug Mt. to the Oregon/California border.

Moved by:  Steve Williams  
Seconded by: Jeff Feldner

Amndmnt 1: Include analysis of the impacts associated with the four bulleted recommendations of the South of Humbug Policy Committee (Agenda Item G.2.a, Attachment 1, page 2).

Moved by:  Michele Culver  
Seconded by: Marci Yaremko

Amndmnt 1a: Change the wording in the first bullet from “targeting” to “retention.”

Moved by:  David Hanson  
Seconded by: Michele Culver
Amendment 1a carried unanimously.  
Amendment 1, as amended, carried unanimously.

Amndmnt 2: Include analysis of opening the South of Humbug subarea from May 1 to June 30 and September 1 to October 31, and catch savings resulting from new Marine Protected Areas effective in 2012.

Moved by:  Marci Yaremko  
Seconded by: David Crabbe
Amendment 2 carried unanimously.  
Motion 5, as amended, carried unanimously

Motion 6:  
Adopt the range of Pacific halibut landing restrictions for the salmon troll fishery as shown in Agenda Item G.3.b, Supplemental SAS Report for public review.

Moved By: Steve Williams  
Seconded by: Phil Anderson

Amndmnt 1: Add an Option 4 using the same language:

Beginning May 1, 2013, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each ten Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than five halibut landed per trip.
Amendment 1 failed (Ms. Yaremko, Mr. Crabbe, Mr. Brizendine, and Mr. Pollard voted in favor).

Motion 6 carried unanimously.

**Motion 7:** Adopt for public review the range of Pacific halibut landing restrictions for the directed fixed gear sablefish fishery in the area north of Point Chehalis for 2013 and 2014, as represented in Agenda Item G.3.b, Supplemental GAP Report.

Moved by: Phil Anderson  Seconded by: Steve Williams

Motion 7 carried unanimously.

**Motion 8:** Adopt for public review the season dates for the incidental halibut harvest in the commercial sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington for 2014 and beyond of April 1 through October 31 and a second option of status quo, which is May 1 through October 31.

Moved by: Phil Anderson  Seconded by: Steve Williams

Motion 8 carried unanimously.

**Motion 9:** Adopt a process for determining the status of data-moderate stocks as depicted in Figure 2 in Agenda Item H.2.a, Attachment 1 with the following changes (based on Agenda Item H.2.d, Supplemental WDFW Motion with modifications):

- Immediately below the first box “Data Moderate Assessment Passes STAR and SSC review;” insert an oval designating “the status would be used as estimated” – flow down to stock depletion estimate.
- If stock is above target spawning output change or in the precautionary zone, do either a full or updated data moderate assessment to produce an update on a five year cycle (CHECK)
- Change “status used and reported as estimated” to the “status reported as estimated” in cases where the stock is considered above target spawning output or in the precautionary zone.
- If below Minimum Stock Size Threshold (MSST) and there is enough data for a full assessment, then the stock should be a candidate for a full assessment to produce an update on the five year cycle. If there is not enough data for a full assessment, that row will remain as reflected.

Motion includes the adoption of the recommendations in Agenda Item H.2.b, Supplemental SSC Report and Agenda Item H.2.b, Supplemental GMT Report.

Moved by: Michele Culver  Seconded by: Gway Kirchner

Motion 9 carried unanimously.

**Motion 10:** Adopt the recommendations of the GMT as provided in Agenda Item H.3.b, Supplemental GMT Report to:
- Move the shoreward trawl RCA boundary from 75 to 100 fm between 40°10' and 48°10' N. latitude for Period 2.
- Issue the maximum eligible surplus carryover (10 percent) for all non-whiting species.
- For petrale and sablefish north of 36° N. latitude, issue maximum eligible surplus carryover (10 percent)

Moved by: Dale Myer            Seconded by: Gway Kirchner
Motion 10 carried (Mr. Lockhart abstained).

**Motion 11:**

The Council will:

1) Move forward with the Groundfish Amendment 24 process alternatives and developing the Tier 1 EIS according to the recommendations from the GMT and SSC reports, specifically items 1-4 on page one of the SSC report regarding rebuilding revision rules.

2) Maintain flexibility to use the current sigma/P* method or something else.

3) Relative to Amendment 24 alternatives, remove Alternative 2, but include the new Amendment 24 – GAP Alternative described on page 3 of Agenda Item H.4.b, Supplemental GAP report.

4) Move forward with revising COP 9 and following the new process and timeline for the 2015-2016 SPEX analysis relative to consideration of new vs. routine management measures.

5) Begin the development of the Tier 1 EIS but delay final adoption until after the 2015-16 specifications and management measures cycle.

6) Revise the Amendment 24 workgroup composition to include representatives from the SSC, NWFSC, and SWFSC and task them to work with the Project Team to design the Tier 1 EIS and help flesh out the contents relative to the long-term analysis.

Moved by: Michele Culver            Seconded by: Gway Kirchner

**Amndmnt 1:** Change the language for number five to read:

Begin the development of the Tier 1 EIS, but recognize that adoption may not occur until after the 2015/16 specifications and management measures cycle.

Moved By: Dan Wolford            Seconded by: Jeff Feldner
Amendment 1 carried (Ms. Culver, Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Myer voted no)
Motion 11, as amended, carried unanimously.

**Motion 12:** Council will:
1. Take no action on the specific options presented in Agenda Item I.2.b, HMSMT Reports 2 and 3 to open select times and areas of the Pacific Leatherback Conservation Area (PLCA).

2. Task the HMSMT with evaluating a potential modification to the PLCA as follows: For only the triangle area identified in Figure 1 of Agenda Item I.2.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report: Access to this portion of the PLCA would be authorized only for vessels with both an onboard observer and VMS, meaning vessels unable to meet requirements to carry observers, or vessels without VMS would be precluded. Analysis should include an expectation of future effort levels in the area under these constrains, and evaluation of both present and past catch and turtle bycatch and interaction rates in this portion of the PLCA. The outer boundary of this triangle shall be defined by a single straight line approximating the 100 mile contour. Provide this analysis to the Council in early 2014.

3. Request that NMFS continue to evaluate the prospect of utilizing recent research advancements in sea turtle movement patterns as presented in the NMFS SWFSC Report (Agenda Item I.1.c, Attachment 1), to develop adaptive management strategies for the PLCA that would allow for adjustments to times and areas to minimize sea turtle interactions. Couple this evaluation with the HMSAS recommendation to also examine sea temperature and other biological and oceanographic data. Task the HMSMT with evaluating tools that may be necessary to ensure compliance with these flexible management measures; including the following:
   a. Whether the present observer coverage (20 percent goal) is adequate to accurately estimate bycatch in the present-day DGN fishery.
   b. A VMS requirement in the drift gillnet (DGN) fishery.
   Provide this report to the Council in early 2014.

4. Continue exploring the possibility of managing the DGN fishery with hard caps on incidental sea turtle take and other listed species, modeled after the Hawaii shallow-set longline fishery, and report to the Council on progress in early 2014.

5. Request that NMFS continue evaluating the efficacy of deep-set longline gear, deep set buoy gear, and other alternative gears for effectiveness in harvesting target species and reducing bycatch and interactions with leatherback turtles and marine mammals, toward the goal of developing viable alternatives to DGN gear, and report to the Council on progress in early 2014.

Moved by: Marci Yaremko Seconded by: Buzz Brizendine
Motion 12 carried unanimously.

Motion 13: The Council tasks the HMSMT with updating their prior work and identifying a suite of potential domestic and international management measures suitable for a precautionary management framework for North Pacific albacore that the Council can evaluate and possibly provide to the U.S. delegation prior to the WCPFC’s Northern Committee meeting in September 2013. Specifically, identify potential
measures that should be avoided. Specify which measures are appropriate for a catch-based management framework and those appropriate for an effort-based management framework. In addition, evaluate and comment as appropriate on the Canadian proposal submitted to the IATTC (appended to Agenda Item I.3.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report). The HMSMT should bring recommendations to the Council at the June 2013 meeting.

Moved by: Steve Williams Seconded by: Jeff Feldner

Amndmnt 1: Modify the first sentence in Motion 13 to read “identifying a suite of potential domestic and international management measures—harvest control rules and reference points suitable for the precautionary management framework...”

Moved By: Mark Helvey Seconded by: David Crabbe Amendment 1 carried unanimously. Motion 13, as amended, carried unanimously.

Motion 14: Adopt recommendations #1 and #3 in Agenda Item I.3.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report 2 - and a modification of #2 as follows: advise the U.S. Delegation to the IATTC and WCPFC to advocate for reduced harvest rates down to 2002-2004 levels for all nations.

Moved by: Dorothy Lowman Seconded by: Rich Lincoln Motion 14 carried unanimously.

Motion 15: Approve as final: Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 1: Draft Minutes: 214th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (June 2012); and Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 2: Draft Minutes: 215th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (September 2012).

Moved by: Dave Ortmann Seconded by: Herb Pollard Motion 15 carried unanimously.

Motion 16: Appoint Sgt Dan Chadwick to the Washington Fish and Wildlife seat on the Enforcement Consultants.

Moved by: Phil Anderson Seconded by: Dale Myer Motion 16 carried unanimously.

Motion 17: Appoint Mr. Scott Grunder to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game seat on the Habitat Committee.

Moved by: Dave Ortmann Seconded by: Herb Pollard Motion 17 carried unanimously.
Motion 18: Appoint Mr. Calvin Frank to the Washington Coast tribal fisher position on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel.

Moved by: David Sones  Seconded by: Herb Pollard
Motion 18 carried unanimously.

Motion 19: Appoint Mr. Steve Copps to a new NMFS Northwest Region seat on the Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee.

Moved by: Frank Lockhart  Seconded by: Gway Kirchner
Motion 19 carried unanimously.

Motion 20: Solicit nominations for the vacant California seat on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, to be filled at the June 2013 Council meeting.

Moved by: Marci Yaremko  Seconded by: Buzz Brizendine
Motion 20 carried unanimously.

Motion 21: The Council nominates Ms. Michele Culver as one of the International Pacific Halibut Commission Management Strategy Advisory Body Fishery Manager representatives.

Moved by: Gway Kirchner  Seconded by: Jeff Feldner
Motion 21 carried unanimously.

Motion 22: Adopt for the 2013 Treaty Ocean Troll Salmon Season, three alternatives for public review as they are presented in Table 3 of Agenda Item C.6.b, Supplemental STT Report, on pages 19-20:

- **Option I**: quota levels of 55,000 Chinook, and 50,000 coho
- **Option II**: quota levels of 47,500 Chinook, and 47,500 coho
- **Option III**: quota levels of 40,000 Chinook, and 40,000 coho

The salmon season will consist of a May/June Chinook directed fishery and a July/August/September all-species fishery. The Chinook harvest will be split between the two periods with the following sub-quotes:

**Option I**: 33,000; **Option II**: 23,750; **Option III**: 20,000 for the May/June Chinook directed fishery and the remainder Chinook in each alternative for the July/August/September all species fishery.

The Treaty troll tribes are talking among themselves to possibly include a rollover opportunity of any remaining Chinook from the May-June to be transferred to the July-September time period on a fishery impact equivalent basis.
Moved by: David Sones  Seconded by: Rich Lincoln
Motion 22 carried unanimously.

**Motion 23:** The Council adopt for public review the alternatives for non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries north of Cape Falcon as presented in Agenda Item C.6.b, Supplemental STT Report (March 11, 2013) with one change: in Alternative I, the overall non-Indian TAC for coho would be 90,000 marked coho with a healed adipose fin clip.

Moved by: Phil Anderson  Seconded by: Rich Lincoln

**Amndmnt 1:** Modify part “d” under C.5 on page 18 as follows:

C.5.  **Inseason Management:**

...d. Fishery managers may consider inseason action permitting the retention of unmarked coho modifying regulations restricting retention of unmarked coho. To ensure that preseason projected impacts of the fishery are not exceeded, any inseason action shall consider, if significant, the difference between observed and preseason forecasted mark rates. Such a consideration may also include a change in bag limit of two salmon, no more than one of which may be a coho. If retention of unmarked coho is permitted by inseason action, the allowable coho quota will be adjusted to ensure preseason projected impacts on all stocks is not exceeded.

Moved By: Bob Turner  Seconded by: Phil Anderson
Amendment 1 carried unanimously.  Motion 23, as amended, carried unanimously.

**Motion 24:** Adopt for public review the alternatives for non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries between Cape Falcon and the Oregon/California border presented in Agenda Item C.6.b, Supplemental STT Report (March 11, 2013), with two exceptions: 1) on page 13 under Alternative I, Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt – change the non-mark-selective coho fishery quota to 16,000 and 2) request the STT model an inseason rollover of 12,000 coho from the July mark-selective recreational fishery into the September non-mark-selective fishery in Alternative I on a LCN coho impact neutral basis.

Moved by: Steve Williams  Seconded by: Jeff Feldner
Motion 24 carried unanimously.

**Motion 25:** Adopt for public review the alternatives for non-Indian commercial and recreational fisheries south of the Oregon/California border as presented in Agenda Item C.6.b, Supplemental STT Report (March 11, 2013), with the following changes:

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March 2013 (217th Council Meeting)
• Fort Bragg Area Commercial (Page 5)
  o Alternative I - modify July to read “July 10-31.”
    ▪ Add a 2014 commercial season for April 16-30, for all salmon except coho with a 27 inch minimum Chinook size limit; same gear restrictions as in 2013. All fish caught in the area must be landed in the area.
  o Alt II:
    ▪ Modify June to read “June 1-8 and June 23-30.”
    ▪ Add a 2014 commercial season for April 16-30, for all salmon except coho with a 27 inch minimum Chinook size limit; same gear restrictions as in 2013. All fish caught in the area must be landed in the area.
  o Alt III:
    ▪ Modify June to read “June 1-5, 14-18, 24-30. Amend July to read “July 6-31. Add a 2014 commercial season for April 16-30, for all salmon except coho with a 27 inch minimum Chinook size limit; same gear restrictions as in 2013. All fish caught in the area must be landed in the area.

• San Francisco Area Commercial (Page 6)
  o Alt I: Change dates in July to “July 10-31.”
  o Alt II. Change June to “June 1-8 and 23-30.”
  o Alt III. Change June to “June 1-5, 14-18, 24-30.” Change July to “July 6-31.”

• Monterey South Area Commercial—reflect same dates as now described in San Francisco Area for each Alternative.

• Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt (San Francisco Area) Recreational (Page 15).
  o Alt I: April 6 -November 10—change to read “open 5 days per week, Wed-Sun June 1-July 9.”

• Monterey Area Recreational (Page 15)
  o Alt I: Amend to read “April 6-October 6; open 5 days per week Wednesday through Sunday June 1-July 9.”
  o Alt II: Amend to read 7 days per week all salmon . . . . “thru May 31; 26 inch total length limit July 1-31; 20 inches thereafter.”

Moved by: Marci Yaremko Seconded by: David Crabbe
Motion 25 carried unanimously.

Amndmnt 1: Change Recreational Alternative II in the Monterey Area to read “June 1 through July 31” (for the 26 inch total length limit).

Moved By: David Crabbe Seconded by: Buzz Brizendine
Amendment 1 carried unanimously. Motion 25, as amended, carried unanimously.