

31-59 fm, and greater than 59 fm.; relative to buffers, one option to use 15 percent for the 0-30 fm, 30 percent for 31-59 fm.

Moved by: Marija Vojkovich Seconded by: David Crabbe
Motion 13 carried unanimously.

- Motion 14:** Council approves the 2013 inseason adjustments for:
- Open Access Fixed Gear North of 36° N. Latitude:
 - Alternative 1: Periods 1 through 5: 300 lb. per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 700 lb., not to exceed 1,400 lb per 2 months; Period 6: 300 lb. per day, or 1 landing per week of up to 300 lb., not to exceed 600 lb. per 2 months. (Agenda Item I.4.b, Supplemental GAP Report)
 - Limited Entry Fixed Gear North of 36° N. Latitude:
 - Alternative 1 (Low price): 1 landing per week of up to 950 lb., not to exceed 2,850 lb. per 2 months.
 - The recommended inseason change as shown in WDFW recreational fishery report (Marine areas 3 and 4).

Moved by: Michele Culver Seconded by: Gway Kirchner
Motion 14 carried unanimously.

- Motion 15:** Council adopts the preliminary draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) (Agenda Item K.1.a, Attachment 1) for public review with the following changes:
1. The following statement would be added to the “Purpose and Need” section:
The FEP is meant to be an informational document. It is not meant to be prescriptive relative to Council fisheries management. Information in the FEP, results of the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA), and the Annual State of the California Ecosystem Report would be available for consideration during the routine management process for fisheries managed in each FMP. How exactly these items will affect fishery management decisions is at the discretion of the Council.
 2. Section 6.2 would be removed from the FEP and added to the Council’s broader Research and Data Needs document.
 3. Chapter 7 would be removed from the FEP and become a stand-alone document. The following statement would be added to the top of this stand-alone initiatives document:
The Council has had considerable discussion regarding FEP Initiative 1, so a process to move forward with this proposal has been fleshed out and included in this draft. However, the other draft examples are presented as a conceptual manner. The Council seeks feedback on all of these initiatives, including comments on the concepts, suggested priorities and rationale, and ideas for additional initiatives for Council consideration.
 4. FEP Initiative 1 should reference the preliminary draft list of forage fish species that the EPDT developed with an explanation that this draft would be available as a starting point for the ad hoc committee tasked with completing

this initiative, and the draft list should be appended to this stand-alone Initiatives document.

5. The following proposals would be added to the Initiatives document:
 - a. The Amendment 24 initiative described in Agenda Item K.1.c, Supplemental GMT Report (Last paragraph on page 1).
 - b. An initiative to develop a list of core ecosystem indicators that could be tracked through the Annual Report. The intent would be to have a discreet set of indicators that would be useful for Council routine management; additional indicators may be brought forward and tracked in the Annual Report at the discretion of the NMFS Science Centers.

These draft documents would be made available on the Council's website and their availability would be announced to the Council's e-mail notification listserv as soon as the changes above are made.

6. In addition, for the March briefing book, the Ecosystem Plan Development Team would review and consider the comments made by the Council's advisory bodies and incorporate changes, as appropriate, except for the changes suggested in the Supplemental HMSAS Report, and the changes suggested by the Habitat Committee to Section 4.3.1.1, and the request for an additional section addressing the framework for FEP integration.

Moved by: Michele Culver

Seconded by: Marija Vojkovich

Amndmnt 1: A new chapter 7.0 linking the stand-alone initiatives document to the FEP.

Moved By: Gway Kirchner

Seconded by: Jeff Feldner

Amendment 1 was not voted on.

Amndmnt 2: Change the prior amendment to strike *add a new chapter 7.0* and insert *direct the EPDT to include language in the FEP that links the stand alone initiatives document to the FEP and specifies a draft process by which the council would consider modifying the initiatives document.*

Moved By: Michele Culver

Seconded by: Dan Wolford

Amendment 2 carried unanimously.

Motion 15, as amended, carried unanimously.

Motion 16: Request input from Council advisory bodies, states, tribes, and the public on the proposed revisions to the Federal List of Fisheries and Gears in advance of FEP Completion; and have States provide "state input" (in time for the March Briefing Book draft).

Moved by: Michele Culver

Seconded by: Gway Kirchner

Motion 16 carried unanimously.

Motion 17: Adopt the following final preferred alternatives:

- Chaffing gear: alternative 1, modifying the language as recommended in the GAP statement (Agenda Item 1.5.b, November 2012).
- Safe harbors for lenders:
 - Lending entities qualifying for an exemption: alternative 1 (PPA).
 - Scope of exception provided: alternative 2 as modified in the GAP statement (Agenda Item 1.5.b, November 2012).
- Whiting season start date: May 15 for all sectors; removal of California early season (PPA).
- Council considers extending the transferability of widow rockfish quota share until reallocation of widow rockfish quota share is completed.

Moved by: Gway Kirchner

Seconded by: Jeff Feldner

Amndmnt 1: Insert after “extending the” the words “prohibition on”, in the prior motion.

Moved By: Frank Lockhart

Seconded by: Marija Vojkovich

Amendment 1 carried unanimously.

Motion 17 carried (Mr. Lockhart abstained).

Motion 18: Council to begin initial scoping of an EM regulatory amendment, including a discussion of the Council’s monitoring goals and objectives at the March/April Council meetings. In preparation for this meeting, we encourage a workshop that includes relevant industry and agency stakeholders that would help inform the Council’s thinking on goals and objectives as well as enforcement, management, science, and industry considerations.

Moved by: Dorothy Lowman

Seconded by: Gway Kirchner

Motion 18 carried unanimously.

Motion 19: Council sends a letter to NMFS Headquarters describing the importance of the program and support we need from them to get it into place and get the critical parts of the program fully functional.

Moved by: Marija Vojkovich

Seconded by: Buzz Brizendine

Motion 19 carried (Lockhart abstained).

Motion 20: Approve the recommendations of the Budget Committee as shown in Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental Budget Committee Report.

Moved by: Dorothy Lowman

Seconded by: Gway Kirchner

Motion 20 carried unanimously.

Motion 21: Council staff to incorporate the changes from Council Action under Agenda Item G.2 for inclusion in the Council Operating Procedures as Procedure 23.

Moved by: Marija Vojkovich

Seconded by: David Crabbe

Motion 21 carried unanimously.

Conservation: Mr. Jim Hie

Moved by: Dale Myer
Motion 28 carried unanimously.

Seconded by: Jeff Feldner

Motion 29: Appoint the following people to the Habitat Committee for the 2013-2015 term:

Commercial Fishery: Mr. Joel Kawahara

Sport Fishery: Ms. Liz Hamilton

Conservation: Dr. Doug DeHart

Northwest or Columbia River Tribal: Vacant

California Tribal: Mr. Mike Orcutt

Public At-Large: Mr. Steve Scheiblaue

Moved by: Gway Kirchner
Motion 29 carried unanimously.

Seconded by: Jeff Feldner

Motion 30: Appoint the following people to the Scientific and Statistical Committee At-Large seats for the 2013-2015 term:

Dr. Vladena Gertseva

Dr. Selina Heppell

Dr. Daniel Huppert

Mr. Tom Jagielo

Dr. Todd Lee

Dr. Andre` Punt

Dr. William Satterthwaite

Moved by: Frank Lockhart
Motion 30 carried unanimously.

Seconded by: Dorothy Lowman