

## NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) report typically consists of a regulatory report from the Southwest Region and a report on relevant scientific matters from the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC). At this meeting, this agenda will include a report of the most recent annual meeting of the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and a presentation of a recently completed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) involving the Pacific Council, as there is no separate agenda item dealing with International Regional Fisheries Management Organizations matters. Further, there will be no report from the SWFSC at this Council meeting.

Ms. Marija Vojkovitch, the Pacific Council representative to the WCPFC, will discuss matters associated with WCPFC7, the most recent annual meeting, in the context of relevant international activities in general (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1). Dr. Donald McIsaac will discuss the recently signed MOU regarding Regional Fishery Management Council Participation in International Regional Fishery Management Organizations Governing Pacific Highly Migratory Species Management (Agenda Item G.1.b, Attachment 1). Mr. Mark Helvey will provide the National Marine Fisheries Service perspective on regulatory implications of recent Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission decisions and other HMS matters (G.1.c, Attachments 1 and 2).

### **Council Task:**

### **Discussion.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1: Report on International HMS Activities of Interest to the Pacific Council.
2. Agenda Item G.1.b, Attachment 1: Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Council Participation in International Regional Fishery Management Organizations Governing Pacific Highly Migratory Species Management.
3. Agenda Item G.1.c, Attachment 1: Letter from Bill Robinson to Council Chairs.
4. Agenda Item G.1.c, Attachment 2: National Marine Fisheries Service Highly Migratory Species Report.

### **Agenda Order:**

- a. WCPFC Report
- b. Pacific HMS MOU
- c. Southwest Region Activity Report
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. Council Discussion

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