



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2014

TO: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Management Team, and Groundfish Interested Persons

FROM: Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: April 2014 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 3-10, 2014 at the Hilton Vancouver Hotel, 301 West Sixth Street, Vancouver, Washington. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2014 in Discovery C Room. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2014 in the Discovery E Room.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest, including:

- Current habitat issues;
- Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program Informational Briefing and EM Program Development Including Preliminary Approval of Exempted Fishing Permits;
- Fisheries in 2015-2016 and Beyond: Updates and Key Decision Points Informational Briefing;
- Fisheries in 2015-2016 and Beyond: Adopt Biennial Specifications Final Preferred Alternatives;
- Fisheries in 2015-2016 and Beyond: Stock Complex Restructuring;
- Fisheries in 2015-2016 and Beyond: Adopt Management Measures Preliminary Preferred Alternatives;
- Matters raised during the open comment period;
- Reports from the West Coast Region and Northwest Fisheries Science Center;
- Implement 2014 Pacific Whiting Fishery under the U.S.-Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement;
- Sablefish Catch Share Program Review - Phase 1;
- Protecting Unfished and Unmanaged Forage Fish Species Initiative;
- Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning

This mailing includes the enclosures listed below. Please review these briefing materials in advance to facilitate an efficient meeting week.

Thank you for your commitment to the Council process and management of Pacific groundfish fisheries.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B – Current Habitat Issues
3. Agenda Item C – Groundfish Management
4. Agenda Item D – Enforcement Issues
5. Agenda Item G – Pacific Halibut Management
6. Agenda Item I – Ecosystem Management
7. Agenda Item J – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
8. EC Agenda
9. GAP Agenda
10. GMT Agenda
11. SSC Agenda and Draft March SSC Minutes
12. Hotel-related Information
13. Council Roster