



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 5, 2014

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

FROM: Ms. Kelly Ames, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2014 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 18-25, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Orange Country Hotel, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, California. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 in the Garden 2 Room in the North Tower. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2014 in the Garden 3 Room in the North Tower.

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

- Matters raised during the open comment period;
- Reports from the West Coast Region and Northwest Fisheries Science Center;
- Electronic Monitoring (EM) regulatory process development, including selection of preliminary preferred alternatives;
- Final action on the shorebased individual fishing quota fishery Adaptive Management Pass-Through;
- Two agenda items that discuss planning for future groundfish management measures actions, known as Omnibus Regulation Changes;
- Consideration of inseason adjustments, including a discussion on the trawl Rockfish Conservation Area boundaries and shorebased individual fishing quota surplus carryover;
- Final approval of Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) for 2015-2016, including EM EFPs;
- Sablefish Catch Share Program Review – final preferred alternative for Phase 1 and electronic fish tickets for open access;
- Final action for the 2015-2016 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures and Amendment 24, which would establish default harvest control rules;
- Initial stock assessment planning and terms of reference for 2015;
- The Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary boundaries;
- Current habitat issues;

- Legislative matters, including the Magnuson-Stevens Act Re-authorization;
- Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures; and
- Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning

Also, please note there will be a NMFS sponsored meeting to discuss a saltwater recreational fishery policy development process at 7 pm, Monday, June 23 in the Pacific Room North Tower.

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.1 – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item C.2 – Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Boundary
4. Agenda Item C.3 – Legislative Matters
5. Agenda Item C.5 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
6. Agenda Item C.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
7. Agenda Item F – Groundfish Management
8. Agenda Item H – Current Habitat Issues
9. EC Agenda
10. GAP Agenda
11. GMT Agenda
12. SSC Agenda and Draft April SSC Minutes
13. Informational Reports 1-4
14. Hotel-related Information
15. Council Roster