



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 15, 2014

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

FROM: Ms. Kelly Ames, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September 2014 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 10-17, 2014 at the Doubletree by Hilton Spokane City Center, 322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) and Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2014 in the Suite C/D rooms and Suite B, respectively.

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

- Matters raised during the open comment period;
- A tri-state fishery enforcement report;
- Current habitat issues;
- Selection of a preliminary preferred alternative for unmanaged forage fish protection;
- Legislative matters, including the Magnuson-Stevens Act Re-authorization;
- Comments on Executive Actions;
- Planning for future groundfish management measures actions, known as Omnibus Regulation Change Priorities;
- Final stock assessment planning for 2016-2017 fisheries and terms of reference;
- Electronic Monitoring regulatory process development, final preferred alternatives;
- Consideration of inseason adjustments for 2014 fisheries;
- Development of the 2015 Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan and annual fishing regulations;
- Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures; and
- Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning

In addition, you are requested to develop comments on Informational Report 1, Electronic Technology Plan, for staff use in completing a draft Plan for Council consideration in November.

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 E.1 – Tri-State Fishery Enforcement Report
4. Agenda Item F.1 – Current Habitat Issues
5. Agenda Item H.1 – Unmanaged Forage Fish Protection Initiative
6. Agenda Item I.1 – Legislative Matters
7. Agenda Item I.2 – Comments on Executive Actions
8. Agenda Item I.5 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
9. Agenda Item I.6 – Future Council Meeting Planning and Workload Planning
10. Agenda Item J – Groundfish Management
11. Agenda Item K – Pacific Halibut Management
12. EC Agenda
13. GAP Agenda
14. GMT Agenda
15. SSC Agenda and Draft Minutes
16. Informational Reports
17. Hotel-related Information
18. Council Roster