



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2013

TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup and Interested Persons

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer for Salmon

SUBJECT: April Council Meeting

In conjunction with the April Council meeting, the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), Salmon Technical Team (STT), and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will meet on Friday, April 5, 2013, beginning at 8 a.m. The meetings will be held in Mt. St. Helens D, Cascade B, and Club Lounge Rooms, respectively, of the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

The Council will start the salmon agenda on Saturday afternoon (April 6) and continue through Wednesday afternoon (April 10). Incidental catch of Pacific halibut in the troll fishery will be finalized on Monday, and habitat issues will be covered Sunday, April 11. The Council is also considering final adoption of its Fishery Ecosystem Plan on Tuesday morning (April 9).

The main salmon issue before the Council will be adopting final management measure recommendations for 2013 ocean fisheries (Agenda Items E.1, E.2, and E.4). The STT will join the SAS meeting Friday morning and respond to technical questions regarding the 2013 fishery alternatives as presented in Preseason Report II. The SAS should have its preliminary management measures completed in time to allow editing, collation, and copying in the Council Secretariat. We would like your final input as soon as possible, but no later than 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Please work with the Council staff to coordinate your efforts.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will report to the Council on the potential topics for methodology review Wednesday afternoon. The SAS may wish to make recommendations to both the SSC and Council on reviews or revisions which should be initiated. The SSC will cover this issue with the STT at its meeting at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 5. The SAS should consider sending a representative to the SSC meeting, if possible, to report back to the full SAS. The MEW will meet Friday morning to discuss potential methodology review topics, and will join the SSC meeting at 3 p.m. to report on their recommendations. Because several members of the MEW are also on the STT or SSC, the MEW meeting will need to be flexible to accommodate the needs of all. Additionally, the SAS and STT will hold a joint session on Monday, April 8 to review California Coastal Chinook and Sacramento River winter Chinook management, and the feasibility of considering alternate management approaches during the 2013 Salmon Methodology Review.

The salmon agenda in April also includes further consideration of changes to essential fish habitat (EFH) for salmon. The Council will consider that issue on Monday afternoon.

On Monday afternoon, the SAS will receive an information briefing on the predation of juvenile salmon by seabirds from Ms. Sondra Ruckwardt, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District.

On Tuesday morning, the Council is scheduled to adopt a final Fishery Ecosystem Plan; the SAS and STT should plan to attend in informational briefing on the this topic on the Council floor the morning of Saturday, April 6 and consider providing their comments for Council consideration.

The Council will receive an update on current habitat issues on Sunday afternoon. The Habitat Committee is meeting Friday at 8 a.m. Jim Hie will provide a summary of that meeting to the SAS.

Pacific halibut is on the Council's agenda for Monday afternoon. The SAS will need to recommend landing restrictions for the troll salmon fisheries to allow utilization of the incidental halibut harvest.

The Council will consider future Council Meeting Agendas and adopt the June Council meeting agenda on Thursday, April 11. The SAS and STT may want to request topics for that meeting.

Please take some time and review your briefing materials thoroughly before the meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in the Council's salmon management process.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Informational Briefing
3. Agenda Item B.2, B.3, B.4 and B.7– Administrative Matters
4. Agenda Items E.1 through E.6– Salmon Management
5. Agenda Item F.1 – Habitat Issues
6. Agenda Item G.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
7. Agenda Item H.1 – Ecosystem Based Management
8. Agenda Item J.1 – Enforcement Issues
9. Proposed SSC Agenda
10. Proposed HC Agenda
11. Proposed EC Agenda
12. Proposed GAP Agenda
13. Proposed SAS Agenda
14. Proposed STT Agenda
15. Proposed SAS/STT Joint Session Agenda
16. Proposed MEW Agenda
17. Preseason Report II
18. Hotel-related Information