



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2014

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

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer

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 4, 2014, with the SAS and STT beginning at 8 a.m. and the MEW at 11 a.m. The meetings will be held in Heritage D, Heritage C, and Pine Rooms, respectively, of the Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver, Washington.

The Council will start the salmon agenda on Saturday afternoon (April 5) and continue through Wednesday afternoon (April 9). Incidental catch of Pacific halibut in the troll fishery will be finalized on Sunday, and habitat issues will be covered Saturday, April 5.

The main salmon issue before the Council will be adopting final management measure recommendations for 2014 ocean fisheries (Agenda Items F.1, F.2, and F.5). The STT will join the SAS meeting Friday morning and respond to technical questions regarding the 2014 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 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4. 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 2:30 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 Lower Columbia Natural Coho Workgroup will hold its first meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4 to discuss the process, schedule, and objectives of the review of LCN coho harvest policy. Members of the SAS are encouraged to attend.

The Council will receive an update on current habitat issues on Saturday morning. The Habitat Committee is meeting Friday at 8:30 a.m. Jim Hie will provide a summary of that meeting to the SAS.

Pacific halibut is on the Council's agenda for Sunday morning. 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 10. 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. Agenda Item B.1 – Habitat Issues
3. Agenda Item D.1 – Enforcement Issues
4. Agenda Items F.1 through F.5– Salmon Management
5. Agenda Item G.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
6. Agenda Item I.1 – Ecosystem Based Management
7. Agenda Item J.3 – Administrative Matters
8. Proposed SSC Agenda
9. Proposed HC Agenda
10. Proposed EC Agenda
11. Proposed GAP Agenda
12. Proposed SAS Agenda
13. Proposed STT Agenda
14. Proposed LRC Agenda
15. Proposed MEW Agenda
16. Preseason Report II
17. Hotel-related Information