



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2013

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

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer for Salmon

SUBJECT: June Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 18-25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove, California. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), Salmon Technical Team (STT), and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not be meeting in June, but there are a few items on the agenda that may be of interest to you.

The Council is scheduled to take final action on declaration requirements for the Vessel Monitoring System under Enforcement Issues, Agenda Item E.1. In April the SAS took up this matter and, along with the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, recommended the following option: "Vessels with VMS units that met subsidy criteria by registering as a possible groundfish vessel must make a fishery declaration under the groundfish regulations."

Under Ecosystem-Based Management, Agenda Item H.1, the Council is scheduled to review the Federal list of authorized West Coast fisheries and gears. The list is an MSA requirement, and has not been updated in recent years. Updating the list has been suggested as part of an overall policy for the protection of currently unmanaged and unfished forage species. The SAS and STT have discussed this matter in the past under previous Fishery Ecosystem Plan discussions and may have the opportunity to review proposed changes in September.

Looking ahead, the draft September 2013 Council agenda includes a few salmon topics; final methodology review topic selection, final action on essential fish habitat, and Columbia River avian predation issues. At this time, it is unclear whether the STT and the SAS will be attending the September Council meeting. It is possible that the salmon advisory groups will not be attending and will be developing reports and recommendations for September via email and teleconference. I will keep you posted and would appreciate any feedback on this topic.

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– Open Public Comment
3. Agenda Items C.1, C.4 and C.7– Administrative Matters
4. Agenda Item E.1 – Enforcement Issues
5. Agenda Item G.1 – Habitat Issues
6. Agenda Item H.1 – Ecosystem-based Management
7. Informational Reports
8. Roster