



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 2013

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

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 1-6, 2013 at the Hilton Orange County Hotel in Costa Mesa, California. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will meet October 31 – November 1. The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not be attending the November meeting.

Primary items for your consideration in preparation for the September meeting include final review of proposed salmon methodology changes, the tentative 2014 preseason schedule, and Pacific halibut regulations for 2014. This year's methodology review meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), the STT, and MEW occurred on October 1-2, 2013 at the onset of the Federal government shutdown. Accordingly, no employees of Federal agencies were in attendance which restricted the group's ability to fully review the proposals. Therefore, the modified objective of the meeting was to conduct an initial review of the analyses, discuss alternative ways of completing this year's compromised review, and to prioritize items for the November Council meeting.

There will be insufficient time at the November Council meeting to conduct a thorough review of all of this year's topics. Methodology topics were prioritized for full SSC review in November based on two main criteria; 1) the technical merits of the analysis and the documentation, and 2) the proposed methodology's potential to directly affect the 2014 preseason process. Proposals we will likely focus on include technical revision to the Oregon Coastal Natural (OCN) coho work group harvest matrix, Lower Columbia natural (LCN) coho matrix control rules, Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) improvements regarding estimated sublegal encounters and impacts from size limit changes, and alternative forecast methodologies for the Sacramento fall Chinook index.

The Council's Annual Award Banquet will be a 6 p.m. on Friday, November 1st. This year's honorees include Ray Conser, Marion Larkin, Duncan MacLean, Vicki Nomura, Marija Vojkovich, and Steve Williams. Please email Renee.Dorval@noaa.gov or call the Council Office at 503-820-2280 no later than Monday, October 28, 2013, if you can join us.

Please take some time and review your briefing materials before the meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment
3. Agenda Item C.1, C.2, and C.3 – Salmon Management
4. Agenda Item D. 1 – Habitat
5. Agenda Item F.1 – Enforcement Issues
6. Agenda Item G.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
7. Agenda Item I.1, I.2, I.5, and I.6 – Administrative Matters
8. SAS Agenda
9. SSC Agenda
10. Hotel Related Information
11. Annual Banquet Invite
12. Roster