MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2014

TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup, ad hoc Lower Columbia River Natural Coho Workgroup, and Interested Persons

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 14-19, 2014 at the Hilton Orange County in Costa Mesa, California. The Salmon Technical Team (STT), the ad hoc Lower Columbia River Natural Coho Workgroup (LRC Workgroup) and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not be meeting at the November Council meeting. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will meet November 14-15, 2014 in Costa Mesa in the Emerald Bay 1 room, with a focus on Lower Columbia River natural (LCN) coho harvest policy, salmon methodology review and Pacific Halibut management.

The Council is scheduled to take final action on several important matters at their November meeting. The Council will develop final recommendations on potential revisions to LCN harvest policy, approve final salmon methodology changes, and adopt a revised Catch Sharing Plan and 2015 regulations for Pacific halibut.

There are a few administrative matters on the September Council agenda of interest. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is requesting comments on a draft Regional Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan (Agenda Item C.4) for West Coast marine fisheries that has been developed in response to a NMFS Policy Directive on the matter. Under Agenda Item C.2, the Council will hear an update from NMFS on the development of an agency-wide saltwater recreational fisheries policy. NMFS is also seeking comments on a West Coast Region Strategic Plan under Agenda Item C.5.

The Council’s Annual Award Banquet will be a 6 p.m. on Friday, November 1st. This year’s honorees include Phil Anderson, Rod McInnis, Pat Pattillo, Kent Martin, Gordy Williams, and Bob Conrad. Please email Renee.Dorval@noaa.gov or call the Council Office at 503-820-2280 no later than Monday, November 10, 2014, if you can join us.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your participation.

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Enclosures:
1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
3. Agenda Item D.1 – Habitat Issues
4. Agenda Item F.1, F.2, F.3, and F.4 – Salmon Management
5. Agenda Item G.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
6. Agenda Item H.1 – Ecosystem Management
7. SAS Agenda
8. Informational Reports
9. Hotel Information
10. Council Roster