



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 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: September Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet September 10-17, 2014 at the Doubletree by Hilton Spokane City Center in Spokane, Washington. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), 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 September Council meeting. The SAS and the LRC Workgroup will meet September 3, 2014 in Portland, Oregon and the STT and MEW will hold a webinar on September 9, 2014 that will focus on two salmon agenda items on the Council's September agenda: Lower Columbia River natural (LCN) coho harvest policy and final topic selection for this year's methodology review.

At its June 2014 meeting, the Council received an update from the LRC Workgroup on the status of LCN coho, the development of alternative harvest policies, and risk assessment methods and criteria. The LRC Workgroup met at the Council office in Portland, Oregon on July 16 and August 14 and has analyzed a preliminary range of alternative harvest matrices. At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to adopt a preliminary preferred alternative. Final Council action is scheduled for the November Council meeting in Costa Mesa, California.

The Council is scheduled to adopt a final list of topics for this year's methodology review. A list of preliminary topics adopted in April is included in your briefing materials. The methodology review meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 21-23, 2014 in Portland, Oregon.

Under Agenda Item K.1 – Pacific Halibut Management, the Council is scheduled to adopt proposed changes the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and changes to annual fishery regulation for 2015. The SAS will review the proposals at their September 3 meeting in Portland. Under Agenda Item H.1 – Ecosystem-Based Management, the Council is scheduled to adopt a preliminary preferred alternative on protection of unmanaged forage fish and to adopt preliminary amendment language for the four Council Fishery Management Plans (including salmon) for public review.

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 (Informational Report 1) for West Coast marine fisheries that has been developed in response to a NMFS Policy Directive on the matter. The draft plan is not on the Council's September agenda. I will be collecting comments from the salmon advisory

bodies in September to be forwarded to NMFS for use in revising the draft for the November Council meeting.

Lastly, under Agenda Item I.2, the Council will review three executive actions issued by President Obama in June that relate to fisheries management: 1) a proposed Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, 2) combating black market fishing, deterring illegal fishing, addressing seafood fraud, and preventing illegally-caught fish from entering the marketplace, and 3) a series of actions aimed at protecting coastal communities from the impacts of climate change and improving domestic aquaculture. We will not have a lot of time available to discuss administrative matters during the September 3 meeting or the September 9 webinar, so if you would like to comment on these items, please review the materials in advance and be prepared with proposed recommendations.

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A – Executive Director’s Report and Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item D.1 and D.2 – Salmon Issues
3. Agenda Item F.1 – Habitat Issues
4. Agenda Item H.1 – Ecosystem-Based Management
5. Agenda Items I.1, I.2, and I.6– Council Administrative Matters
6. Agenda Item K.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
7. Informational Reports
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9. Council Roster