



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2013  
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee  
FROM: John DeVore  
SUBJECT: April 2013 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 5-11, 2013 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, Oregon. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. The SSC's Economic Subcommittee will meet Sunday, April 7. Your meeting materials are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the SSC agenda.

#### Council Administrative Matters

The SSC will be reviewing the credentials of nominees to vacant seats on Council management teams. The SSC will be in closed session for this discussion.

#### Groundfish Management

The Council will adopt a range of alternatives for restructuring groundfish stock complexes and deciding a suite of preliminary preferred alternatives, if possible. The SSC will review the initial analyses done to inform the suitability of these alternatives.

The Council will consider the application of discard mortality rates associated with barotrauma reduction devices in recreational groundfish fisheries. The SSC will review revised methods proposed by the Groundfish Management Team to estimate appropriate discard mortality rates for canary, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish.

The Council will discuss and provide guidance on the Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review Synthesis Report and initiate phase 2 of the review by approving the request for proposals to modify groundfish EFH.

The Council will also discuss and provide guidance on electronic monitoring (EM). The SSC will review a 2013 EM study proposed by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and provide other comments to the Council pertinent to this issue.

Additionally, the SSC Economic Subcommittee will meet on April 7. The Economic Subcommittee will review the 2013 extensions and revisions to the Input-output Model for Pacific Coast Fisheries (IO-PAC), as well as reports from the Economic Data Collection Program.

#### Salmon Management

The Council will provide guidance on potential salmon methodologies to review in 2013. The SSC will provide their perspective and recommendations on this issue.

#### Ecosystem-Based Management

The SSC will discuss and make their recommendations on the Fishery Ecosystem Plan in preparation for final Council adoption at this meeting.

#### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council will consider changes to the Pacific sardine harvest control rule parameters.

The Council will also consider initiating a process to shift the start date of the Pacific sardine fishery.

Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

JDD:kam

Enclosures include:

#### **Council, and SSC Administrative Matters**

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Informational Briefing
3. Agenda Item B.3 – Ocean Observation Initiative Report
4. Agenda Item B.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
5. Agenda Item B.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

#### **Groundfish Management**

6. Agenda Item D.2 – Status of the Rationalized Fishery
7. Agenda Item D.3 – Stock Complex Assemblages
8. Agenda Item D.5 – Consider Barotrauma Device Mortality Rates
9. Agenda Item D.6 – Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Synthesis Report and Request for Proposals
10. Agenda Item D.7 – Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions – Electronic Monitoring Regulatory Process
11. Documentation of extensions and revisions to the IO-PAC model
12. Electronic Data Collection Reports

**Salmon Management**

13. Agenda Item E.5 – Methodology Review Process and Preliminary Topic Selection for 2013

**Ecosystem-based Management**

14. Agenda Item H.1 – Final Fishery Ecosystem Plan

**Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

15. Agenda Item I.1 – Sardine Harvest Parameters Workshop Report
16. Agenda Item I.2 – Shifting Sardine Fishery Start Date

**SSC Agenda, Draft SSC Minutes, Informational Reports, etc.**

17. April 2013 SSC Agenda
18. April 2013 SSC Economic Subcommittee Agenda
19. Draft March 2013 SSC Minutes
20. Informational Reports
21. Hotel Related Information

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