



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2014  
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee  
FROM: John DeVore  
SUBJECT: April 2014 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 3-10, 2014 at the Hilton Vancouver Hotel, 301 West Sixth St., Vancouver, Washington. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Friday, April 4 through Saturday, April 5 starting at 8 a.m. each day in the Heritage E Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the SSC agenda.

#### SSC Administrative Matters

The SSC will continue to plan their activities for this year. The SSC may also revisit subcommittee assignments at this meeting.

#### Groundfish Management

The Council is tasked at this meeting with adopting final preferred 2015 and 2016 harvest specifications for all the stocks and stock complexes. The SSC will specifically review proposed overfishing limits (OFLs) for the Washington substock of cabezon, the Washington substock of kelp greenling, brown rockfish, China rockfish, and copper rockfish.

The SSC will also review biological risk analyses, ecosystem modeling results, and socioeconomic modeling results informing decisions on 2015-2016 harvest specifications.

The Council will provide guidance on development of the draft review document concerning the sablefish catch share program. They will also select a preliminary preferred alternative for the rules for assessing limited entry fixed gear sablefish permit control and will refine alternatives for electronic fish tickets. The SSC will specifically review the draft review document and focus on research needs, recommendations, and the analysis using SSC-recommended performance criteria.

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The SSC will review the proposed EFPs to test electronic monitoring systems and provide comments on methodology and relevance to management data needs.

The SSC will discuss stock assessment priorities for 2015 in preparation for the June 2014 meeting.

### Salmon Management

The Council will provide guidance on potential salmon methodologies to review in 2014. The SSC will provide their perspective and recommendations on this issue. The SSC will also discuss the need for a future review of the west coast Fisheries Economic Assessment Model (FEAM) and the Input-Output Model for Pacific Coast Fisheries (I/O-Pac) socioeconomic models to sort out different assumptions regarding salmon processor inputs in the respective models.

The Council is tasked with providing guidance on the process, schedule, and analyses for the development of alternative harvest control rules for Lower Columbia Natural coho stocks. The SSC will review the proposed scheduled and recommend further analyses to inform alternative harvest control rules

### Ecosystem Management

The Council will review the list of forage fish species to consider for additional protective measures and adopt a range of alternatives for prohibiting development of new commercial fisheries on these species. The SSC will review the report of the ad hoc Ecosystem Workgroup and recommend alternatives for analysis.

### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council will consider the 2014 Pacific sardine assessment and adopt harvest specifications and management measures for 2014-2015 fisheries. The SSC will review and consider recommending the assessment as best available science and recommend an OFL for Pacific sardine.

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

JDD:rdd

Enclosures include:

**Council, and SSC Administrative Matters**

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item J.3 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

**Groundfish Management**

3. Agenda Item C.1 – Electronic Monitoring Program Informational Briefing
4. Agenda Item C.2 – Fisheries in 2015-2016 and Beyond: Updates and Key Decision Points Informational Briefing
5. Agenda Item C.3 – National Marine Fisheries Service Report
6. Agenda Item C.4 – Fisheries in 2015-2016 and Beyond: Adopt Biennial Specifications Final Preferred Alternatives
7. Agenda Item C.5 – Implement 2014 Pacific Whiting Fishery under the U.S.-Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement
8. Agenda Item C.6 – Sablefish Catch Share Program Review Phase 1
9. Agenda Item C.7 – Electronic Monitoring Program Development Including Preliminary Approval of Exempted Fishing Permits

**Salmon Management**

10. Agenda Item F.3 – Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection
11. Agenda Item F.4 – Lower Columbia Natural Coho Harvest Rate Matrix Review
12. Summary of Issues Regarding Modeling Economic Impacts of PFMC Managed Commercial Salmon Fisheries
13. Comparison of FEAM and IO-PAC-type Models for Analyzing Economic Impacts of Commercial Salmon Fisheries

**Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

14. Agenda Item H.1 – Sardine Assessment, Specifications, and Management Measures

**Ecosystem Management**

15. Agenda Item I.1 – Protecting Unfished and Unmanaged Forage Fish Species Initiative

**SSC Agenda, Draft SSC Minutes, Closed Session, etc.**

16. April 2014 SSC Agenda
17. Draft March 2014 SSC Minutes
18. Informational Reports
19. Closed Session
20. Hotel Related Information
21. Roster

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