



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 30, 2013
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: John DeVore
SUBJECT: June 2013 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 18-25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County Hotel, 11999 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) Groundfish Subcommittee will meet Tuesday, June 18 in the Royal C Room, and the full SSC will meet Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20, also in the Royal C Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the SSC agenda.

Council Administrative Matters

There is one appointment the SSC will review. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has designated Ms. Heidi Taylor to replace Mr. Michael Hendrick as the NMFS Southwest Region representative on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT). The SSC will be in closed session for this discussion.

Highly Migratory Species Management

The Council will adopt elements of a precautionary management framework for North Pacific albacore tuna. The SSC will review North Pacific albacore management reference points proposed by the Highly Migratory Species Management Team and recommend those that have a stronger scientific basis.

Groundfish Management

The Council will adopt new full assessments for petrale sole and darkblotched rockfish; data-moderate assessments for eight groundfish species; an update assessment for bocaccio; and catch reports for canary rockfish, Pacific ocean perch, and yelloweye rockfish as recommended by the SSC. The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee and subsequently the full SSC will review these assessments, stock assessment review (STAR) reports, and catch reports before recommending whether they represent the best available science for these stocks and are suitable for management decision-making.

The Council will discuss the status of the rationalized trawl fishery. The SSC will review the Economic Data Collection Program reports that inform status of the rationalized fishery and provide comment on the content of these reports.

The Council will discuss and provide guidance on trawl trailing actions that include development of an electronic monitoring (EM) program. The SSC will review a white paper discussing theoretical performance standards for an EM program and provide comment on the technical merit of these standards. The SSC will also review the final report of the 2012 EM study conducted by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) and consider whether anything in that report compels additional considerations for the 2013 PSMFC EM study.

The Council will adopt a process and schedule for the 2015-16 harvest specifications decision-making process. The SSC will review the proposed process and schedule, the proposed analytical framework for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses, recommend impact projection models for NEPA analyses previously reviewed by the SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees, and discuss a plan for potentially recalculating the sigma values informing the relative uncertainty of overfishing limit (OFL) estimates for each stock category.

The Council will adopt a range of alternatives, including preliminary preferred alternatives, for restructuring groundfish stock complexes. The SSC will review the methods and analyses proposed by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Council staff to inform the suitability of these alternatives.

The SSC will also discuss rebuilding revision rule alternatives and management strategy evaluation scenarios with the GMT in preparation for analyses supporting the harvest specifications decision-making process.

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council will adopt harvest and management specifications for Pacific mackerel, and will consider changing its status from actively managed to monitored. The SSC will review and approve the Pacific mackerel biomass projection and recommend an OFL.

The Council will consider adopting a change to the start date of the Pacific sardine fishery. The SSC will review the recommendations of the SSC Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee regarding the scientific validity of generating a biomass estimate and management specifications for the six-month transition period of January 1 through June 30, 2013.

The Council will adopt adjustments to the Pacific sardine harvest control rule parameters. The SSC will review analyses that evaluate the effect of incorporating the CalCOFI temperature series and the associated F_{MSY} relationship into the harvest control rules that generate OFL, acceptable biological catch (ABC), and harvest guidelines (HG). The SSC will also review the set of simulations and fishery performance measures supporting the Council's current fishery management policy approach for Pacific sardines.

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. Closed Session Agenda Item A.1
2. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
3. Agenda Item B.1 – Comments on Non-Agenda Items
4. Agenda Item C.1 – Reports on Managing Our Nation’s Fisheries 3 (MONF3) Conference and the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Meeting
5. Agenda Item C.4 – Coastal Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) Update
6. Agenda Item C.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
7. Agenda Item C.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Highly Migratory Species Management

8. Agenda Item D.5 – North Pacific Albacore Tuna Precautionary Management Framework

Groundfish Management

9. Agenda Item F.2 – Status of the Rationalized Trawl Fishery
10. Agenda Item F.5 – Approve Stock Assessments
11. Agenda Item F.6 – Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions
12. Agenda Item F.7 – Consideration of 2015-2016 and Beyond Harvest Specifications and Management Measures
13. Agenda Item F.8 – Adopt Preliminary Stock Complex Aggregations
14. Statement of the SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees: Reviews Conducted in 2012-13 of Data and Models to be Used in the Socioeconomic Analysis for the 2015-16 Groundfish Biennial Specifications Process

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

15. Agenda Item I.2 – Pacific Mackerel Management Status and Management Measures
16. Agenda Item I.3 – Sardine Fishery Start Date and Management Schedule
17. Agenda Item I.4 – Adjustments to Sardine Harvest Parameters

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

18. June 2013 SSC Agenda
19. June 2013 SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Agenda
20. Draft April 2013 SSC Minutes
21. Informational Reports
22. Hotel Related Information

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