



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2014
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: John DeVore
SUBJECT: June 2014 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 18-25, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County Hotel, 11999 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20 in the Garden 4 North Tower 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 Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) has nominated Mr. Alan Byrne to replace Mr. Charlie Petrosky as the IDFG representative on the SSC. The SSC will be in closed session for this discussion.

The Council will also provide comments on the proposed expansion of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary boundaries. The SSC will specifically focus on the analysis/description of the upwelling and coastal advection currents present in the area, which is a major reason for expanding the sanctuaries, and provide comments to the Council.

SSC Administrative Matters

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

Salmon Management

The Council is scheduled to develop comments on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Cormorant Management Plan. The SSC will review the analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) if the DEIS is available in time for review (the DEIS was not available by the briefing book deadline). If not, this agenda item will be cancelled.

Groundfish Management

The Council is scheduled to consider final approval of groundfish exempted fishing permits (EFPs) for 2015 and 2016, including EFPs designed to test electronic monitoring. The SSC will review the proposed EFPs to test electronic monitoring systems and provide comments on methodology and relevance to management data needs.

The Council is scheduled to approve the sablefish catch sharing program review document, adopt phase I final preferred alternatives for the own and control criteria and electronic fish tickets, and to scope phase II issues, as necessary. The SSC will specifically review the draft review document and focus on research needs, recommendations, and the analysis using SSC-recommended performance criteria.

The Council is tasked at this meeting with adopting final preferred 2015 and 2016 harvest specifications and management measures for all the stocks and stock complexes. The SSC will specifically review a corrected 2016 overfishing limit (OFL) for cowcod. The SSC will also review biological risk analyses, ecosystem modeling results, and socioeconomic modeling results informing decisions on 2015-2016 harvest specifications.

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

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council is scheduled to adopt the Pacific mackerel biomass projections, annual harvest specifications, and management measures for 2014-2015 fisheries. The SSC will review and consider recommending the biomass projection and an OFL for Pacific mackerel as best available science.

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

JDD:kma

Enclosures include:

Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.3 – Executive Director’s Report
2. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
3. Agenda Item C.2 – Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Boundary Expansion
4. Agenda Item C.5 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
5. Agenda Item C.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
6. Some Thoughts Related to Comparing Productivity Parameters Between DB-SRA and SSS

Salmon Management

7. Agenda Item D.1 – Lower Columbia River Natural Coho Harvest Matrix Update
8. Agenda Item D.2 – Columbia River Cormorant Management Plan

Groundfish Management

9. Agenda Item F.1 – National Marine Fisheries Service Report
10. Agenda Item F.2 – Electronic Monitoring Regulatory Process
11. Agenda Item F.5 – Final Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Approval for 2015-2016
12. Agenda Item F.6 – Fixed Gear Sablefish Catch Share Program Review, Including Federal Electronic Fish Tickets for Open Access Sablefish Deliveries
13. Agenda Item F.7 – Fisheries in 2015-2016 and Beyond: Harvest Specifications, Management Measures, and Amendment 24
14. Agenda Item F.8 – Initial Stock Assessment Plans and Terms of Reference (TOR) for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

15. Agenda Item G.2 – Pacific Mackerel Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2014-2015

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

16. June 2014 SSC Agenda
17. Draft April 2014 SSC Minutes
18. Informational Reports 1-4
19. Closed Session
20. Hotel Related Information
21. Roster