



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2014  
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee  
FROM: John DeVore  
SUBJECT: September 2014 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 10-17, 2014 at the Doubletree by Hilton Spokane City Center, 322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, Washington. The Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) Economics Subcommittee will meet Wednesday, September 10 starting at 1 p.m. in the Shades Room and the SSC will meet starting at 8 a.m. each day on Thursday, September 11 and Friday, September 12 in Suite C and D. 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 Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has nominated Ms. Jessi Doerpinghaus to replace Mr. Corey Niles as a WDFW representative on the Groundfish Management Team (GMT). The SSC will be in closed session for this discussion.

#### SSC Administrative Matters

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

#### Informational Reports

Two informational reports are provided to SSC members. Informational Report 1 is entitled, "Draft of the West Coast Region Regional Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan." The SSC is asked to provide comments to staff on this draft plan. Advisory body comments will be incorporated into the next draft electronic technologies plan, which will be included in the November briefing book for formal consideration by the Council.

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Informational Report 3 is the Pacific halibut bycatch report developed by staff in the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program and is provided for your information.

#### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council is scheduled to adopt a preliminary preferred alternative for the Pacific sardine harvest fraction parameter. The SSC will review the draft environmental assessment informing this action and make their recommendations to the Council.

#### Salmon Management

The Council is scheduled to set priorities for salmon methodology review topics. The SSC should review and prioritize those topics that are recommended to be reviewed at the SSC's Salmon Subcommittee and Salmon Technical Team meeting in October.

The Council is scheduled to adopt a preliminary preferred alternative and provide guidance on further development of alternative harvest matrices for Lower Columbia natural coho stocks. The SSC will review the Lower Columbia River Natural Coho (LRC) workgroup report on alternative harvest matrices and the associated risk analysis and make their recommendations on the best available science informing the Council's decision.

#### Groundfish Management

The SSC will discuss groundfish stock assessment planning for 2015 and make their final recommendations to the Council.

The SSC will provide comments on the 2014 groundfish Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document and provide general comments for future editions of this document.

The SSC will receive an overview from Mr. Jon McVeigh on the data collected by the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program and how those data are used in stock assessments.

The SSC and Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will discuss the next review of impact projection models informing future groundfish harvest specifications and management measures' decisions and answer GMT questions on recommended improvements to these models.

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.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item I.5 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
3. Agenda Item I.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
4. Abstract of “Geostatistical delta-generalized linear mixed models improve precision for estimated abundance indices for West Coast groundfishes”
5. CJFAS journal article entitled, “Spatial, semi-parametric models improve estimates of species abundance and distribution”
6. Concerns regarding the formal treatment of prior information regarding recruitment compensation used in stock assessments of Pacific rockfishes
7. Comparison of Weight-based and Cost-based Methods for Estimating Processing Costs and Economic Impacts

**Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

8. Agenda Item C.1 – Pacific Sardine Harvest Fraction

**Salmon Management**

9. Agenda Item D.1 – Salmon Methodology Review
10. Agenda Item D.2 – Lower Columbia River Coho Harvest Matrix

**Groundfish Management**

11. Agenda Item J.2 – Stock Assessment Planning

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

12. September 2014 SSC Agenda
13. September 2014 SSC Economics Subcommittee Agenda
14. Draft June 2014 SSC Minutes
15. Informational Report 1 – Draft of the West Coast Region Regional Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan
16. Informational Report 3 – Pacific halibut bycatch in U.S. West Coast groundfish fisheries (2002-2013)
17. Closed Session
18. Hotel Related Information
19. Roster