

## REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee (Committee) received reports on calendar year 1999 expenditures through May 31; budget projections for 1999; status of appropriations for 2000; 2001 and 2002 meeting sites; and funding for the Groundfish Strategic Plan.

Total calendar year 1999 expenditures as of May 31, 1999 are mostly on budget. Expenditures on ad-hoc travel, tenant improvements, and staff salaries are slightly ahead of budget.

Budget projections for June through December 1999 forecast a possible shortfall. The Council may not be able to fund ad-hoc committee travel after July. The Budget Committee will review budget status again at the September Council meeting.

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee markup for fiscal year 2000 is due this week with the House Appropriations markup not scheduled at this time.

Meeting sites for 2001 and 2002 have been finalized, and contracts with the appropriate hotels have been signed. Due to meeting room size limits, the April 2001 and March 2002 Council meetings will be held in Sacramento, and the June and November 2001 and 2002 meetings will be held in San Francisco.

The groundfish strategic plan process will be funded in 1999 by NMFS and the states.

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