

GROUND FISH STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Situation: There are two matters for Council consideration under this agendum.

First, the Council is considering an ad hoc committee, under the Ad Hoc Groundfish Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Committee (SPOC), for scoping multi-year management of the groundfish fishery. In September, the Council tasked the Executive Director with developing a proposal for committee membership and schedule of meetings over the winter. It is anticipated the ad hoc committee would report their recommendations to the Council at the March 2002 Council meeting; if the Council wished to pursue these recommendations further, the Council would solicit advice from Council advisory bodies by the April meeting. Formal Council action could occur at the April 2002 Council meeting.

The Executive Director has recommended the following prospective committee members, meeting schedule, and an objective statement for the ad hoc committee.

Prospective Committee Representatives

Mr. Phil Anderson	Dr. Jim Hastie
Mr. Burnie Bohn	Mr. Jim Lone
Mr. LB Boydston	Dr. Rick Methot
Mr. Ralph Brown	Mr. Rod Moore
Ms. Eileen Cooney	Dr. Steve Ralston
Mr. Bob Eaton	Mr. Bill Robinson

Proposed Schedule

One to three-day meetings during:

- December 5 - 14, 2001
- The week of January 21, 2001
- The week of February 11, 2002

Proposed objective statement: scope multi-year management approaches, synchronized with a multi-year stock assessment schedule and with full accommodation of federal notice and comment requirements.

The second item under this agendum is a proposal from Ecotrust/Pacific Marine Conservation Council for an analysis of capacity reduction in the groundfish fleet, entitled *The Groundfish Fleet Reduction Information and Analysis Project*. The proposal involves the collection and analysis of information for Council use. The methods for this project are scheduled for review by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) at this Council meeting, and they are expected to provide a statement to the Council.

Council Action:

1. **Consider Executive Director recommendations to establish ad hoc committee and schedule for scoping a multi-year management cycle for the groundfish fishery.**
2. **Discuss applicability of *The Groundfish Fleet Reduction Information and Analysis Project*.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit C.5.c, Ecotrust/PMCC Capacity Reduction Analysis Proposal.
2. Exhibit C.5.d, Supplemental SSC Report.

Groundfish Strategic Plan (GFSP) Consistency Analysis

This agenda item is consistent with the implementation process detailed in the GFSP. Issues covered under this item conform to the implementation priorities adopted by the Council in April 2001.

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