

## MITCHELL ACT HATCHERY AND BUDGET REVIEW

Situation: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will report on the status of Mitchell Act funding and related issues affecting ocean salmon fishery management. Continued level funding of Mitchell Act programs is approaching the point of requiring closure of facilities and/or elimination of mass marking programs, which will result in reduced availability of salmon for Council area and other fisheries.

### **Council Action:**

1. **Consider need for formal comments and make assignments as appropriate.**

### Reference Materials:

1. Request for Mitchell Act program and budget review at the April Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting (Exhibit B.7, Attachment 1).

### Agenda Order:

- a. NMFS Report
- b. Tribal and Agency Comments and Recommendations
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Issues and Need for Formal Comments

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