

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REVISION OF  
NATIONAL STANDARD 1

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has proposed revised language to National Standard 1 guidelines and has requested Regional Councils to comment. Attachment 1 includes the cover letter soliciting comments, followed by the proposed codified text. A draft Environmental Assessment is also available at the following link for those that want more background or analysis of the impacts:

[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/domes\\_fish/index.htm#PR](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/domes_fish/index.htm#PR)

Council staff understands the original comment deadline of September 1, 2004 has been relaxed at the request of several Regional Councils to allow the Councils to review the proposal at their September meetings.

Dr. Rick Methot will provide a briefing on the proposed language and answer questions at a joint advisory body session Monday, September 13, at 11 a.m. in the Mission C Room. Council members, advisory bodies and the public are encouraged to attend the session.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Council technical teams will review the proposed revisions and provide reports to the Council. Given the technical nature of the National Standard 1 Guidelines, it is anticipated the SSC will play a principal role in development of the Council's response to NMFS.

The Salmon Technical Team comments focus on application of the proposed guidelines to salmon management (Agendum B.2.b, Supplemental STT Report). Council staff have also provided comments (Agendum B.2.a, Attachment 2).

Based on the advice of the SSC, technical teams, and Council staff, the Council should consider how to coordinate a response to NMFS.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Consider comments of the SSC, advisory bodies, and staff on the proposed revisions to National Standard 1 guidelines.**
- 2. Provide guidance on coordinating comments and responding to NMFS.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agendum B.2.a, Attachment 1: Memo from William Hogarth and Attached Draft Codified Text for National Standard 1 Guidelines.
2. Agendum B.2.a, Attachment 2: Council Staff Comments on Proposed Revisions to National Standard 1 Guidelines.
3. Agendum B.2.b, Supplemental STT Report: Salmon Technical Team Comments on Proposed Revisions to National Standard 1 Guidelines.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Response to Proposed Revision

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