

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PLANNING

The primary purpose of this agenda item is to provide initial information to Council Members early in the Council meeting to facilitate planning for future Council meeting agendas. It is especially important at the March meeting since, due to the very short time between the March and April Council meetings, the April Council meeting agenda must be finalized no later than Friday of the March meeting.

Under this agenda item, the Executive Director will review initial drafts of the three-meeting outlook and the April Council meeting agenda, and respond to any questions the Council may have regarding these initial planning documents. While this agenda item is essentially informational in nature, after hearing any reports and comments from advisory bodies or the public, the Council may wish to provide guidance to the staff on any preparations for Agenda Item B.5 at which time final action on the agenda planning items is scheduled.

During a Council staff planning session in January, one goal that emerged was to work to optimize the productivity of Council meeting floor time. This goal includes (1) exploring alternatives to insure adequate review and statement preparation time by advisory bodies, as opposed to expanding Council floor time into the early part of the Council meeting week typically needed by the advisors to do their jobs; (2) developing a longer term, more strategic planning document for future Council agendas which includes recognition of core management cycles for each fishery management plan and necessary routine management actions; and (3) potential changes in protocols for advisory body input to the Council, including such things as the characterization of majority and minority reports. Staff solicits Council and advisor comments on staff's further pursuit of these floor time management objectives.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Receive information on potential agenda topics for the next three Council meetings.**
- 2. Receive information on an initial draft agenda for the April 2006 Council meeting.**
- 3. Provide guidance on the development of materials for Agenda Item B.5 (April agenda and three meeting outlook), especially with regard to the final April Council meeting agenda.**
- 4. Consider further staff efforts toward optimizing Council meeting productivity.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item B.2.a, Attachment 1: Preliminary Draft Three-Meeting Outlook for the Pacific Council.
2. Agenda Item B.2.a, Attachment 2: Preliminary Draft April Council Meeting Agenda, April 2-7, 2006 in Sacramento, California.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion of Future Council Meeting Agenda Topics

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