

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PLANNING

The primary purpose of this agenda item is to provide initial information to Council Members early in the meeting to facilitate planning for future meeting agendas. This is especially important at the March meeting since the April Agenda must be finalized on Friday, March 14 for submission to the Federal Register. In addition, because of the very heavy agendas over this next year and issues with hotel availability to meet those needs, the Council staff has provided initial planning documents for all Council meetings for the remainder of 2008.

The Executive Director will review the timeline of decision points for key groundfish projects (Attachment 1), the four-meeting outlook and April through November preliminary proposed Council meeting agendas (Attachments 2 through 6), note written public comments (four included with the briefing book under Agenda Item B.1.c), and respond to any questions the Council may have regarding these initial planning documents.

Regarding the four public comments, the first two express concern and request future agenda time for reviewing the program implementing the vessel monitoring system (VMS). The other two concern the Marine Protected Area agenda item currently scheduled for the April Council meeting. The first of these provides information on an independent scientific analysis of the need for marine protected areas within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) and requests the Council to have the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) review this analysis. If the Council agrees, this could require an SSC Report and Council action at a future meeting. The second comment is comprised of two February 15, 2007 letters from Mr. Paul Michel, MBNMS Superintendent, regarding matters that could be considered by the Council at the April Council meeting.

This agenda item is essentially informational in nature, however, after hearing any reports and comments from advisory bodies or the public, the Council may wish to provide guidance to staff to help prepare for Agenda Item B.5, at which time final consideration of the meeting outlook and draft April Agenda are scheduled.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Receive information on potential agenda topics for the next four Council meetings.**
- 2. Receive information on an initial draft agenda for the April Council meeting.**
- 3. Provide guidance on the development of materials for Agenda Item B.5 (April agenda and four-meeting outlook).**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 1: Council Meeting Decision Points for Groundfish Trawl Rationalization, Intersector Allocation, and 2009-2010 Biennial Management Specifications.
2. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 2: Preliminary Draft Four-Meeting Outlook for the Pacific Council.
3. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 3: Preliminary Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 7-12, 2008, Seattle, Washington.

4. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 4: Preliminary Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, June 6-13, 2008, Foster City, California.
5. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 5: Preliminary Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 7-12, 2008, Boise, Idaho.
6. Agenda Item B.1.a, Attachment 6: Preliminary Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, November 2-7, 2008, San Diego, California.
7. Agenda Item B.1.c, Public Comments 1-4.

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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