

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee (Committee) discussed four items: a report from the new Executive Director, the status of 2000 supplemental funding, a report on 2003 Council meeting hotel locations, and a legislative update.

The new Executive Director, Dr. Donald McIsaac presented the Executive Director's report. Some of the budget issues he will focus on this year are consistency and efficiency measures. A comprehensive review of the budget building process will be presented at the April Committee meeting.

A supplemental grant funding in the amount of \$14,675 is available to the Council as of March 3, 2000. A staff recommendation to allocate the supplemental funds will be presented at the June Committee meeting, after a review of current staffing needs and allocation alternatives.

The status of possible Council meeting location and hotel sites for 2003 is a work in progress. A comprehensive report on available locations will be presented at the June Committee meeting.

The legislative update indicates supplemental federal groundfish disaster relief funding for the West Coast for fiscal year 2000 may be \$14.2 million. Federal funding levels for fiscal year 2001 is expected to be released by May.

PFMC
03/08/00

APPOINTMENTS

Situation: A resignation from the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) representative on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) created a vacancy. CDFG has submitted their recommendations to fill that seat (see Closed Session, Attachment B.1.).

At the November 1999 Council meeting, a motion was passed to add two additional "commercial at-large" positions to the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel. Nominations for members were solicited after the November meeting. Nominations received by the deadline of are listed below. Letters of nomination for HMSAS positions are included in the briefing book under the Closed Session tab, Attachment B.2.

Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team

Nominee

Nominated By

STATE FISHERY AGENCY (1 position: California)

Ms. Marci Yaremko, Associate Marine Biologist
California Department of Fish and Game
La Jolla, CA

Robert Hight, Director, California Department of
Fish and Game; Sacramento, CA

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel

Nominee

Nominated By

COMMERCIAL AT-LARGE (2 positions)

Mr. Douglas H. Fricke, commercial fisherman
Hoquiam, WA

Self
Wayne Heikkila, General Manager, Western
Fishboat Owners Association; Eureka, CA
Mark Cedergreen, Executive Director, Westport
Charterboat Association; Westport, WA
Judith J. Graham, Executive Director, Washington
Trollers Association; Bellevue, WA

Mr. Steve Lassley, Interim President
California Association of Harpoon Swordfishermen
Spring Valley, CA

Larry Mebust, Interim Secretary-Treasurer,
California Association of Harpoon
Swordfishermen; Long Beach, CA

Ms. Cinda Shedore, F/V Cinda S & Inez C
Siletz, OR

Susan Hiller, Administrator, Oregon Albacore
Commission; Portland, OR

Council Action: Appoint new members to the CPSMT and the HMSAS.

Reference Material:

1. Letters of Nominations with Curriculum Vitae for the CPSMT Position (Closed Session).
2. Letters of Nominations for the HMSAS Positions (Closed Session).

PFMC
02/17/00

RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS AND ECONOMIC DATA PLAN

Situation: The Council's biennial research and data needs process is scheduled to begin with the April 2000 meeting. This process is governed by Council Operating Procedure (COP) 12 (Attachment H.4.a.). Changes are proposed to COP 12 in order to:

1. Bring the schedule of activities in line with the current Council meeting schedule.
2. Incorporate a parallel process for updating the West Coast Economic Data Plan (as authorized when the economic data plan was adopted).
3. Reflect the lead role generally taken by the Scientific and Statical Committee (SSC).
4. Eliminate the specification of research and data need deadlines and work products and also replace the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) exercise of responding to the Council in the fall with an early December meeting to develop a Council/NMFS/Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) consensus on needed high priority initiatives and funding amounts.
5. Recognize that an effective process requires Council staff advocate for Council research and data needs and the economic data plan on a continuous basis.

It is recommended that specification of deadlines and work products be eliminated from the COP (item 4 in the above list). The provision that deadlines and work products be specified was inserted in 1995 as an attempt to encourage agencies to be more responsive and accountable to Council needs. However, this strategy has effectively failed: during attempts to implement these provisions, it was found that useful specification of deadlines and work products required a level of planning, design, and interaction with agencies not provided by the process. Instead, the consensus process used in the most recent iteration of this exercise is being proposed.

The consensus building meeting was generally viewed favorably by participants and seems to have been more effective in communicating West Coast needs to higher levels within NMFS.

Item 5 was added to recognize that meeting Council data needs is not a biennial process but requires a year-round Council effort.

Council Action: Adopt Revisions to COP 12.

Reference Materials:

1. Council Operating Procedure 12 (Attachment H.4.a.).

PPMC
03/01/00

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS AND ECONOMIC DATA PLAN

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed a variety of proposed changes to the Council's research and data needs process as outlined in revisions to Council Operating Procedure (COP) 12 (Attachment H.4.a.). Under the new procedures the lead role of the SSC is explicitly identified, and the process, as it has evolved over the last two cycles, is codified. In addition, updates to the economic data plan are now explicitly included as part of the research and data needs planning exercise. The SSC endorses all proposed changes to COP 12 and, in addition, recommends language be inserted to reflect that comments from advisory bodies should be submitted in writing to the SSC at the April meeting of even numbered years.

For the next cycle, the SSC notes that increased attention to the research and data needs of coastal pelagic species and highly migratory species is warranted. With respect to groundfish, the goals and objectives in the Council's groundfish strategic plan will provide useful guidance to the SSC in determining priority areas.

PFMC
03/08/00

Proposed Revision to COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE

Biennial Update

Development and Communication of Research and Data Needs and West Coast Economic Data Plan

Approved by Council: 07/08/87

Revised: 01/14/88, 03/08/90, 07/10/92, 04/06/95

Draft Proposed 03/10/00

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PURPOSE

The following procedures are intended to identify, on a biennial basis, unmet Council research and data collection needs for each fishery management plan (FMP) and to communicate those needs to organizations which may be able to provide support.

The purposes of this procedure are as follows.

1. Update the Council's research and data needs document. The research and data needs document lists and prioritizes unmet Council research and data collection needs for each fishery management plan (FMP). It also emphasizes some of the ongoing data collection efforts that are particularly important to the Council.
2. Update the Council's West Coast Economic Data Plan. Economic data in particular suffers from the lack of consistent and coordinated collection efforts. The economic data plan is intended to serve as a coordinating instrument for the development and implementation of a systematic approach to the fulfillment of the Council's needs for economic data.
3. Communicate needs to organizations which may be able to provide support.

Neither the research and data needs document nor the economic data plan bind any agency to addressing or responding to Council needs. The key to the effectiveness of these documents is clear and timely communication of needs to parties with an interest and ability to respond. Particular emphasis is placed on strengthening communication with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The procedure is timed to affect have the best chance of influencing annual NMFS operating plans and NMFS budget requests for upcoming years.

PROCEDURES

Biennial Update Cycle for Development of Research and Data Needs List

Continuous

Year-Round Council staff keeps track of research and data needs as they arise in various forms throughout the year- and, as appropriate, advocates for efforts to address Council needs and implement the economic data plan (such advocacy shall not include the direct lobbying of Congress).

Even Number Years

April Council staff compiles and assigns priorities to a proposed list of research and data needs by FMP, including specific work products and deadlines to the extent possible. These are distributed to Council management teams, advisory subpanels and the public for review and comments. Council staff presents updated research and data needs and economic data plan documents to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and other advisory bodies for review at the April Council meeting. Advisory bodies provide comments to the SSC. (Item is not on Council agenda).

June The SSC presents recommended revisions to the Council. Other advisory bodies provide comment to the Council. The Council approves draft documents for public review.

- ~~August~~
~~September~~ After reviewing comments from the public and Council advisory entities, the Council adopts ~~a list of research and data needs~~ its research and data needs and economic data plan. ~~and submits this~~ These documents are submitted to NMFS northwest and southwest regions, centers, and the states. The final document is also transmitted to West Coast and National Sea Grant institutions and posted on the Council web page.
- ~~— August~~
~~— through~~
~~— September~~ NMFS, in concert with the state agencies, reviews Council recommendations to determine if specific projects can be incorporated in upcoming fiscal year operating plans or submitted as budget initiatives. Budget line items which will need to be expanded to meet the needs are identified. If necessary, the Council staff and appropriate representatives from technical teams and the Scientific and Statistical Committee meet with representatives from NMFS and the states to discuss strategies for addressing the Council's needs. NMFS responds to the Council's recommendations.
- ~~— October~~ Council staff assesses research and data collection needs which probably will not be addressed by NMFS and submits them, as appropriate, to the states (California, Oregon, Idaho and Washington), Sea Grant, and any other sources of support for research and data collection that are identified.
- ~~November~~ Deadline for comments to NMFS on new budget initiatives for the fiscal year two years hence.
- ~~Early~~
~~December~~ Council chair and staff meet with representatives from NMFS West Coast regions and centers and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) to develop a consensus on high priority initiatives needed to respond to Council needs. Council chair writes a letter to transmit the conclusions from the meeting to NMFS.

Out-of-Cycle Modifications to the Needs List

If a situation arises that would benefit from an out-of-cycle modification to the documents~~needs list~~, the Council may announce its intent to modify ~~the needs list~~ one or both documents outside the biennial process and make such a modification at its next meeting. This type of change may be required in order to accommodate some urgent Council need to acquire information.

REVISION TO COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE 1 ADDING E-MAIL GUIDELINES

Situation: Recent proliferation of internet and electronic mail (e-mail) communication activity has raised the issue of acceptance of electronic testimony as public comment on Council agenda items. Legal Counsel has advised the Council is not obligated to accept electronic testimony if sufficient justification exists. However, if the Council elects to not accept electronic testimony, it must have a written policy stating so, including justification rationale. Further, the Council has been advised to deal with any e-mail comments received until policy language has been adopted. No government-wide policy currently exists, although some federal agencies currently "...treat e-mails the same way that we regard letters...". At this time, one regional Council accepts electronic testimony, two do not, and the remaining Councils have yet to formally decide.

While both pro and con arguments can be made on this issue, staff recommends the Council be open to considering a procedural change allowing conditional acceptance of electronic testimony. In general, the use of e-mail and internet-based information exchange is already being used to increase public participation in the Council process; acceptance of e-mail testimony in a similar manner as other written testimony would seem to further serve Council goals to encourage public involvement. Staff recommends the Council consider the use of e-mail as a method of receiving public testimony as a discussional item at the March meeting, and consider adopting receptive, but conditional, policy language at the April meeting.

A possible revision to Council Operating Procedure 1, for purposes of discussion only, is provided in Supplemental Attachment H.5.a.

Until new, receptive policy language is adopted, staff recommends the Council adopt a policy that e-mail not be accepted as formal public comment. This recommendation is based on the lack of full consideration of additional, possibly negative impacts not yet evaluated and the lack of full consideration of alternatives.

Council Action:

- 1. Discuss possible changes to Council Operating Procedure 1 and provide direction to Council staff in preparation of an e-mail public testimony policy. (Supplemental Attachment H.5.a.).**
- 2. Schedule future agenda item for Council action to adopt an e-mail policy.**
- 3. Adopt a policy of not accepting e-mail as formal testimony until further notice.**

Reference Materials:

1. Council Operating Procedure 1-Council, revised 06/25/99 (Supplemental Attachment H.5.a.).

PFCM
02/23/00

COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE

Council

Approved by Council: 04/06/95
Revised: 03/07/97, 06/25/99

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PURPOSE

To establish procedures for the Council.

MEETINGS

The Council shall meet at the call of the Council chairperson or upon request of a majority of its voting members. Upon receiving a request for an emergency meeting from any Council member or upon the chairperson's own instigation, the Council chairperson shall instruct the staff to conduct a telephone poll of available voting Council members. If a quorum agrees, the chairperson shall call such a meeting.

Public Participation

Council meetings are held for the purpose of conducting official Council business. As a matter of practice, however, the public has been provided an opportunity to address the Council at its meetings and submit information relevant to matters under discussion. To further encourage public participation, the Council, when practicable, shall establish a period at each meeting during which the public shall be granted an opportunity to address the Council on matters of concern to them. These discussions need not necessarily be related to the agenda. The following procedures shall be observed.

Written. The public shall be permitted to file written statements with the Council at any time before or after a meeting. This submission of written statements by the public is a statutory right which cannot be administratively hampered by arbitrary conditions of length, format, numbers of copies, typography, etc. All written information submitted to the Council by an interested person shall include a statement of the source and date of such information and a brief description of the background and interests of the person in the subject of the oral or written statement. Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person in the subject of the oral or written statement. To ensure adequate review and timely action, the following procedure will be followed:

1. Written comments regarding matters on the Council agenda received at the Council office no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of the Council meeting, or no later than a specially published deadline, will be placed in the Council members' briefing books distributed prior to the meeting. These comments will be summarized by staff at the Council meeting.

2. Written comments submitted after the above deadline and during the week prior to the Council meeting will be distributed at the meeting as supplemental briefing material.
3. Written comments received after the end of the week prior to the meeting will not be copied or distributed by the Council staff. In these instances, individuals are encouraged to attend the Council meeting and present their testimony orally and in writing. Written comments submitted in person at the meeting will be made part of the Council's record. For such late comments, individuals should make their own photocopies for distribution. The public should be aware that the Council does not have time to thoroughly review extensive written comments submitted at the meeting. The Council's advisory entities may not have a chance to review such comment at all. (The Council will not pay collect charges for comments transmitted to the meeting hotel by facsimile machine.)

Oral. To the extent that the meeting time and agenda permit, interested persons should be allowed to present oral statements or to participate in the discussion subject to such reasonable rules or procedures as may be established by the Council. Thus, advance approval for oral participation may be required, or time limits on such participation may be prescribed. In any event, every effort should be made to set aside a portion of every meeting for public participation. Any oral statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person in the subject of the oral statement. The following procedures will be followed:

1. The Council will publish in the *Federal Register* and Council meeting notices the time for public comment and provide a time for public comment on items not on the agenda of the Council meeting.
2. Sign-up cards will be provided at the entrance of the meeting room for individuals wishing to address the Council. The following information shall be included, (1) name, (2) address, (3) affiliation, and (4) subject of testimony.
3. At his/her discretion, the Council chairperson may establish a sequence for calling on individuals, according to topics to be discussed.
4. Depending upon time and Council wishes, the Council chairperson may ask for comments from the public on subjects of interest to the Council after all comments have been made by individuals on the sign-up list.
5. When there are numerous public comments, the chairperson may decide to use an alternative approach to expedite the comment process. The following procedure may be used when there are two opposing factions:
 - The chairperson requests, in advance of the public comment period, that each side choose a panel to present the arguments.
 - Each panel makes its presentation.

- The chairperson calls on each individual that filled out a sign-up card and allows appropriate time for each individual to testify.
6. If new information from a state or federal agency or from a Council advisory entity is accepted by the Council, the chairperson shall insure that the Council gives comparable consideration to new information offered at that time by interested members of the public. Interested parties shall have a reasonable opportunity to respond to new data or information before the Council takes final action on conservation or management measures (pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act amendment of 1990).
 7. Council members shall be allowed to ask questions of individuals addressing the Council.

Electronic Mail (E-Mail). The Council will treat e-mail comments in the same regard as written comments. The public shall be permitted to file e-mail statements with the Council at any time before or after a meeting. All e-mail information submitted to the Council by an interested person shall include a brief description of the representation or interest of the person submitting the statement, an e-mail address at which the person can be contacted, the subject or meeting agenda item the comment pertains to, and when relevant information is submitted, a statement of the source and date of such information. All e-mail received designating testimony relevant to a particular Council meeting will be made part of the official meeting record. To facilitate timely review by Council members, the following procedure will be followed:

1. E-mail comments regarding matters on a Council public meeting agenda received at the Council office no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of the Council meeting, or no later than a published notification deadline, will be printed and placed in the Council members briefing books distributed prior to the meeting. These comments will be summarized by staff at the Council meeting.
2. E-mail comments received between the above deadline and three working days before the onset of the Council meeting will be printed and distributed at the meeting as supplemental briefing material. *(or a summary of comments)*
3. E-mail comments received after three working days before the onset of a Council meeting may be printed and made available to the Council, to the extent practicable. The public should not expect with any certainty that such comment will have been printed and reviewed by Council members prior to the target agenda item at the Council meeting. For such late comments, individuals should consider presenting verbal statements at the Council meeting following established procedures. However, all e-mail comments received will be made a part of the official record of the meeting.

Public Notification of Meetings

News Releases. Timely public notice of each regular meeting and each emergency meeting, including the time, place, and agenda of the meeting, shall be distributed to local newspapers in the major fishing ports of Washington, Oregon, and California (and in other major fishing ports having

a direct interest in the affected fishery). Notice of meetings to discuss salmon issues shall be distributed to selected Idaho newspapers deemed to have sufficiently large circulations to adequately inform the interested public. The notice also may be announced by such other means as will result in wide publicity. For purposes of this notice, the term "timely" will be defined as two weeks prior to the actual meeting. However, the Council recognizes that due to the expediency of some Council actions and/or other reasons deemed valid, such two-week advance notice may not always be possible.

Federal Register Notices. Timely notice of each regular meeting, emergency meeting, and hearing also shall be published in the *Federal Register*. The Council staff shall prepare this notice in coordination with the appropriate National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regional office. In this context, the term "timely" shall denote submission of the notice to NMFS for publication in the *Federal Register* at least 23 calendar days prior to the meeting.

The published agenda of the meeting may not be modified to include additional matters for Council action without public notice or within 14 days prior to the meeting date, unless such modification is to address an emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, in which case public notice shall be given immediately.

Voting Procedures

Robert's Rules of Order will be strictly enforced. Makers of motions must first be recognized by the chairperson, and if an action is to be reconsidered, the motion for reconsideration must be made by an individual who originally cast a vote for the prevailing side.

Motions. The maker of a motion must clearly and concisely state and explain the motion. After discussion and a call for the question, the motion must be restated clearly and concisely by the chairperson before the vote is taken. Motions must be recorded in written form visible to each Council member present and the public if the action (1) requires approval or amendment of a fishery management plan (including any proposed regulations), (2) requests an amendment to regulations implementing a plan, or (3) is a recommendation for responding to an emergency. The written motion, as voted on, must be preserved as part of the record or minutes of the meeting. For a vote on a Council finding that an emergency exists in a fishery, the exact number of votes (for, against, and abstaining) must be preserved as part of the record of the meeting.

In the case of a telephonic vote, the chairperson or the maker of the motion must clearly read the motion aloud immediately prior to the vote, such that everyone on the call understands the wording of the motion being voted on. The motion would then become part of the written record of the call/vote, which would also include the exact vote of the Council members.

Votes. At the request of any voting member of the Council, the Council shall hold a roll call vote on any matter before the Council. The official minutes and other appropriate record of any Council meeting shall identify all roll call votes held, the name of each voting member present during each roll call vote, and how each member voted on each roll call vote. All other votes shall be by verbal indication. Council members/designees who are not in attendance may not vote by telephone.

A voting member of the Council may not vote on any Council matter that would have a significant and predictable effect on a financial interest of that Council member. A designated official will determine whether a Council decision would have a significant and predictable effect on a financial interest of a member. An affected individual who may not vote may participate in Council deliberations relating to the decision after notifying the Council of the voting recusal and identifying the financial interest that would be affected.

Measures to Improve Meetings

Report Presentation

- Shorten all oral reports to the extent possible. For lengthy written reports, provide brief executive summaries highlighting major points. (This applies to staff, advisory entities, and Council members.)
- Provide only written reports on administrative items which are informational and do not require action.
- Advisory subpanel reports should describe areas of consensus and differences. Individual subpanel members should not provide public testimony as part of the subpanel presentation.

Public Comments

- Chairperson will limit the length of oral testimony to five minutes per individual and ten minutes per group or individual representing a group.
- Urge members of the public to **not** repeat comments provided by a previous speaker.
- Avoid Council member debate and record development during public testimony. Allow questions for clarification only.

Structure of Agenda

- Chairperson will advise Council members of time limits for each agenda item. Time limits will not be rigidly enforced, but they may serve as a guide or reminder to focus discussion and be concise.
- Avoid placing too many weighty issues near the end of the meeting. Intersperse major items throughout the agenda to the extent possible.
- Review work load and next meeting agenda at or near the end of each meeting. Establish priorities for activities. Publicize priorities.
- Proceed without agency philosophical comments prior to salmon actions.

- Schedule detailed informational reports during informal evening sessions to the extent possible.

Council Discussion and Debate

- Debate should be complete and not be arbitrarily limited, but it should be focused on the motion. (Robert's Rules limit members to two speeches per topic and ten minutes per speech).

MINUTES

Detailed minutes of each meeting of the Council, except for any closed session, shall be kept and shall contain a record of the persons present, a complete and accurate description of matters discussed and conclusions reached, and copies of all statements filed. The chairman shall certify the accuracy of the minutes of each such meeting and submit a copy thereof to the Secretary. The minutes shall be made available to any court of competent jurisdiction.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to drafting meeting minutes, the staff will prepare brief pre-Council meeting issue summaries, identifying issues and options for each agenda action item. These summaries are provided in the briefing books.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

New Council members will be provided with a one-day to two-day briefing session with appropriate Council members, staff, and advisory chairpersons (Scientific and Statistical Committee, advisory subpanels, and plan development/management teams) prior to their first Council meeting. During this session, both mechanics of operation and management issues and techniques will be addressed. In addition, new members will attend the chairperson's briefing for the first two Council meetings.

CHAIRPERSON'S BRIEFING

The chairperson's briefing is for the purpose of briefing the chairperson and not a forum for debate or discussion of the issues.

QUICK RESPONSE PROCEDURE

This procedure addresses Council comments to other entities on actions proposed by those entities. It does not include fishery management action items which are the responsibility of the Council and which must be approved by the Council at a regular or emergency meeting.

For new policy matters which will be implemented or which have a comment deadline prior to the next Council meeting, the Council chairperson is authorized to send a letter on behalf of the Council using the following procedure.

Staff will distribute a summary of the issue and a proposed response to all Council members. If the chairperson receives a response from at least one voting member

from each state, he/she may send an official Council comment letter taking into account the responses received from members. Consensus is not required.

**APRIL MEETING AGENDA REQUESTS
FROM THE HABITAT STEERING GROUP**

The Habitat Steering Group (HSG) would like to request that it meet on Monday, April 3rd, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Because of its lengthy agenda, the HSG would like to schedule the Work Group on Gear Impacts (joint HSG) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel) meeting for Tuesday, April 4th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In order to provide the Council with a report from the joint Gear Impacts meeting, the HSG would also like to request that Habitat Issues be moved from Tuesday (April 4th) to Wednesday (April 5th) on the Council's agenda.

DRAFT
PROPOSED AGENDA
Pacific Fishery Management Council
Doubletree Hotel - Columbia River
1401 Hayden Island Drive
Portland, OR 97217
(503) 285-2111
April 3 -7, 2000

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY			
Tuesday (April 4)	Wednesday (April 5)	Thursday (April 6)	Friday (April 7)
Closed Executive Session	Groundfish Management	Groundfish Management	Administrative Matters
Habitat Issues			
Salmon Management	Salmon Management		
4 p.m. Public Comment Period (For Items <u>Not</u> on the Agenda)			Salmon Management

Notice to Public

Please note that the actual order and timing of agenda items may vary somewhat from the proposed agenda. For example, items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to the next day. Items may be moved to an earlier time than shown on this proposed agenda.

If you are interested in providing verbal testimony at this meeting, please complete a registration card and specify the agenda item on which you wish to speak. Cards are available at the entry desk in the Riverview Ballroom. After public comment begins on each agenda item, additional cards will not be accepted on that item. Verbal testimony is limited to five minutes for individuals and ten minutes for groups or individuals representing organizations. Please identify yourself and whom you represent at the beginning of your testimony.

Public comments on items not on the agenda will be accepted at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

Written comments will also be accepted. Written comment received more than three working days in advance of this meeting will be distributed to Council Members. Written comments received during this meeting will be made part of the meeting record.

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion. However, such issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Formal Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda.

Financial interest statements for the appointed Council members are available for inspection at the documents table in the Riverview Ballroom.

DETAILED COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000

CLOSED SESSION
8 A.M.

Riverview Ballroom

(Closed to all except Council members, their designees, and others designated by the Chairman to discuss litigation and personnel matters.)

GENERAL SESSION
8:30 A.M.

Riverview Ballroom

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions, Roll Call
2. Executive Director's Report
3. Approve Agenda - **ACTION**

Jim Lone, Chair
Don McIsaac

B. Habitat Issues

1. Report of the Habitat Steering Group
2. Comments of Advisory Entities and Public
3. Council - **ACTION**

Michele Robinson

C. Salmon Management

1. Identification of Stocks Not Meeting Escapement Goals for Three Consecutive Years
2. Methodology Reviews for 2000
 - a. Report of the SSC
 - b. Comments of STT, SAS, and Public
 - c. Council - **ACTION**
3. Tentative Adoption of 2000 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis
 - a. Summary of Public Hearings
 - b. Summary of Written Public Comments
 - c. Recommendations of the U.S. Section of the Pacific Salmon Commission
 - d. Endangered Species Act Requirements
 - e. Recommendations of the North of Cape Falcon Forum
 - f. Recommendations of the Klamath Fishery Management Council (KFMC)
 - g. Update on Estimated Impacts of March Options
 - h. Comments of the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), SSC, and Enforcement Consultants (EC)

Robert Kope

Cindy Thomson

Hearing Officers
John Coon

Participants
NMFS

WA, OR, Tribes

Mary Ellen Mueller
Doug Milward

C. Salmon Management (continued)

- i. Tribal Comments
- j. Agency Comments
- k. Public Comments
- l. Council Direction

Jim Harp et. al.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

4 P.M.

Public comments on fishery issues not on the agenda are accepted at this time

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000

GENERAL SESSION

8 A.M.

Riverview Ballroom

D. Groundfish Management

- 1. Status of Federal Regulations, Exempted Fishing Permits, Research Programs, and Other Activities NMFS
 - a. Public Comments
 - b. Council - **ACTION**
- 2. Status of Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments Jim Hastie
 - a. GMT Report
 - b. Comments of the GAP and Public
 - c. Council Direction (If Necessary)
- 3. Plan Amendment for Stock Rebuilding Jim Glock
 - a. Summary of Plan Amendment
 - b. Comments of Groundfish Management Team (GMT), Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP), and Public
 - c. Council - **FINAL ACTION ON PLAN AMENDMENT**
- 4. Harvest Rate Policy Jim Glock
Steve Ralston
 - a. Report on Harvest Rate Policy Workshop
 - b. Comments of the GMT, SSC, GAP, and Public
 - c. Council - **ACTION**
- 5. Rebuilding Plans for Canary Rockfish and Cowcod Jim Glock
 - a. Comments of the GMT, SSC, GAP, and Public
 - b. Council Direction

C. Salmon Management (continued)

- 4. Updates on Non-Council Activities to Restore Natural Stocks Agencies and Tribes
- 5. Clarify Council Direction on 2000 Management Measures, If Necessary Doug Milward
Mary Ellen Mueller
 - a. Salmon Technical Team (STT) Report
 - b. KFMC Comments
 - c. Council Direction

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000

GENERAL SESSION
8 A.M.

Riverview Ballroom

D. Groundfish Management (continued)

6. Status of Groundfish Strategic Plan
 - a. Committee Report Dave Hanson, Debra Nudelman
 - b. Comments of the GMT, SSC, GAP, and Public
 - c. Council Guidance
7. Observer Program
 - a. Summary of Program NMFS
 - b. Progress Report on Sampling Design NMFS
 - c. GAP and Public Comments
 - d. Council - **ACTION**
8. Marine Reserves
 - a. Staff Report Jim Seger
 - b. Comments of the GMT, GAP, and Public
 - c. Council - **ACTION**
9. Plan Amendment to Address Bycatch and Management Measure Issues - Review First Draft
 - a. Staff Report Yvonne deReynier
 - b. Comments of the GMT, GAP, and Public
 - c. Council - **ACTION**
10. American Fisheries Act
 - a. Staff Report Dan Waldeck
 - b. Comments of the GMT, GAP, and Public
 - c. Council - **ACTION**

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2000

GENERAL SESSION
8 A.M.

Riverview Ballroom

E. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Report of the Budget Committee - **ACTION** Jim Harp
2. Report of the Legislative Committee - **ACTION** Dave Hanson
3. Appointments to Advisory Entities - **ACTION** Jim Lone
4. Establishment of a Council Operating Procedure for e-Mail Staff

E. Administrative and Other Matters (continued)

5. June 2000 Draft Agenda - **ACTION** Don McIsaac

C. Salmon Management (continued)

6. Final Action on 2000 Measures
 - a. Analysis of Impacts Doug Milward

- b. Comments of the KFMC
- c. Comments of the SAS and EC
- d. Tribal Comments
- e. Public Comments
- f. Adopt Final Measures (Including Incidental Halibut Catch) - **ACTION**

Mary Ellen Mueller

Jim Harp, et. al.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2000

Secretarial Center	
Klamath Fishery Management Council	2 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000

Secretarial Center	
Groundfish Management Team	
Scientific and Statistical Committee	9 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Habitat Steering Group	9 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	
Budget Committee	
Klamath Fishery Management Council	
Salmon Technical Team	As necessary
Tribal Policy Meetings	As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary
Washington State Delegation	As necessary

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000

Secretarial Center	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	As necessary
Klamath Fishery Management Council	As necessary
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	As necessary
Salmon Technical Team	As necessary
Tribal Policy Meetings	As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary
Enforcement Consultants	5:30 p.m.
Marine Reserve Committee	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000

Secretarial Center	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	As necessary
Groundfish Management Team	As necessary
Klamath Fishery Management Council	As necessary
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	As necessary
Salmon Technical Team	As necessary
Tribal Policy Meetings	As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS (continued)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000

Secretarial Center	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	As necessary
Klamath Fishery Management Council	As necessary
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	As necessary
Salmon Technical Team	As necessary
Tribal Policy Meetings	As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2000

Secretarial Center	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Klamath Fishery Management Council	As necessary
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	As necessary
Salmon Technical Team	As necessary
Tribal Policy Meetings	As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary

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