

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee (Committee) received a report from the Executive Director, Dr. Donald McIsaac, which included two issues that had been referred from the March meeting:

- Selection of meeting site locations for 2003.
- The supplemental \$15,000 funding for the Council calendar year (CY) 2000 operating budget.

Dr. McIsaac reported that meeting site selection for 2003 was still ongoing. Specific recommendations will be provided for review and approval at the September Council meeting. The request for the supplemental funding, which requires resubmission of the entire Council grant for 2000, will be completed early in July.

With regard to expenditures under the CY 2000 budget, Council staff will be able to conduct a preliminary status review soon after the Council meeting, and we presume no significant financial problems exist at this time. With the recent changes in staffing and the pending arrangement with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) to assist in our fiscal management, a detailed budget status should be completed over the summer and available for Committee review at the September meeting. The Committee will also be able to review the proposed CY 2001 grant submission in September.

The Committee discussed the status of the Groundfish Strategic Plan Facilitation Contract administered by PSMFC. Dr. McIsaac noted some funds remain which may be used to support completion of the project prior to October, 2000.

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EXHIBIT

Dr. Dave Hanson - Legislative
Report

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Information Analysis & Dissemination	20,821	21,403	20,400	-1,003	-421
Computer hardware and software	3,487	3,500	750	-2,750	-2,737
Total, Info Analysis & Dissemination	24,308	24,903	21,150	-3,753	-3,158
Total, Info Collection & Analyses	200,127	183,501	172,968	-10,533	-27,159
Conservation and Management Operations Fisheries Management Programs	38,432	40,325	34,680	-5,645	-3,752
Coral Reefs		5,000		-5,000	0
Fisheries Habitat Restoration	2,000	4,000	2,000	-2,000	0
NE Fisheries Management	5,834	11,980	6,000	-5,980	166
Norton Sound Fisheries Failure (transfer from USDA)		5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Cooperative Research & Mgmt Activities in the NE (transfer from USDA)		15,000	15,000	0	15,000
Columbia River hatcheries	11,962	15,212	12,055	-3,157	93
Columbia River endangered species studies	287	288	288	0	1
Regional councils	13,100	13,100	13,150	50	50
International fisheries commissions	398	400	400	0	2
Management of George's Bank	476	478	478	0	2
Pacific tuna management	2,291	1,250	1,250	0	-1,041
Total, Fisheries Mgmt Programs	74,780	112,033	90,301	-21,732	15,521
Protected Species Management	6,123	8,988	6,950	-2,038	827
Driftnet Act Implementation	3,419	3,278	3,278	0	-141
Marine Mammal Protection Act	7,554	7,225	7,225	0	-329
Endangered Species Act recovery plan	43,155	55,450	42,800	-12,650	-355
Dolphin encirclement studies	3,287	3,300	3,300	0	13
Native Marine Mammals	878	700	200	-500	-678
Observers/training	2,450	4,500	4,500	0	2,050
Total, Protected Species Mgmt	66,866	83,441	68,253	-15,188	1,387
Habitat Conservation	9,165	11,079	9,200	-1,979	35
Enforcement and Surveillance	17,882	22,354	17,950	-4,404	68
Total, Conservation and Mgmt Oper	168,693	228,907	185,704	-43,203	17,011

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State and Industry Assistance Programs					
Grants to States					
Interjurisdictional fisheries grants	2,590	2,590	2,590	0	0
Anadromous grants	2,092	2,100	2,100	0	8
Interstate fish commissions	7,164	4,000	7,750	3,750	586
Total, Grants to States	11,846	8,690	12,440	3,750	594
Fisheries Development Program					
Product quality and safety	9,342	8,328	8,328	0	-1,014
Hawaii fisheries development	693			0	-693
Total, Fisheries Development Prog	10,035	8,328	8,328	0	-1,707
Total, State & Industry Assist Prog	21,881	17,018	20,768	3,750	-1,113
Acquisition of Data	25,844	25,944	25,943	-1	99
Total, NMFS (with Acquisition of Data)	416,545	455,370	405,383	-49,987	-11,162
Total, NMFS (W/O Acquisition of Data)	390,701	429,426	379,440	-49,986	-11,261

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<u>NMFS Non-ORF Accounts</u>					
Fisheries Finance, Program Account	340	5,628	238	-6,390	-102
Fishermen's Contingency Fund	949	951	951	0	2
Foreign Fishing Observer Fund	188	191	189	-2	1
Fisheries Promotional Fund	-1,223			0	1,223
Promote & Develop Fisheries	1,921	1,921	1,921	0	0
Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Account	58,000	100,000	58,000	-42,000	0
Pacific Salmon Treaty		60,000		-60,000	0
Fisheries Assistance Fund	0	10,000		-10,000	0
Total, Non-ORF	60,175	179,691	61,299	-118,392	1,124
Total, NMFS (ORF & Non-ORF)	476,720	635,061	466,682	-168,379	-10,038

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<u>Procurement, Acquisition and Construction (PAC)</u>					
<u>Other Construction</u>					
Alaska Facilities Fisheries Center (Juneau)	9,086	1,000	-	-1,000	-9,066
[Juneau]	[747]	[1,000]			
[Ship Creek]	[3,235]				
[SeaLife Center]	[5,084]			0	-1,387
N.Y. Botanical Gardens	1,387	4,600		-4,600	0
LaJolla Coastal Bluff Stabilization Project		5,600	0	-5,600	-10,453
Subtotal	10,453				
<u>Fleet Replacement</u>					
New Fisheries Research Vessels (FRVs)	51,371	8,300		-8,300	-51,371
ADVENTUROUS		8,000		-8,000	0
Subtotal	51,371	16,300	0	-16,300	-51,371
Total, PAC	61,824	21,900	0	-21,900	-61,824
<u>Facilities</u>					
Columbia River facilities	3,352	0	-	0	-3,352
Total, ALL	541,896	656,961	466,682	-190,279	-75,214
Promote and Develop Fisheries					0
Transfer from Dept. of Agriculture	69,921	69,921	69,921		0
Transfer to ORF	68,000	68,000	68,000		0
Available for S-K	1,921	1,921	1,921		

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Information Collection & Analyses	106,827	101,989	100,100	-1,889	-8,727
Resource Information					
Antarctic research	1,229	1,200	1,200	0	-29
Chesapeake Bay studies	1,883	1,500	2,390	890	507
Right whale research	0	200	0	-200	0
MARFIN	2,722	2,750	2,500	-250	-222
SEAMAP	1,195	1,200	1,200	0	5
Alaskan groundfish surveys	879	661	661	0	-218
Bering Sea pollock research	941	945	945	0	4
West Coast groundfish	817	780	820	40	3
New England stock depletion	996	1,000	1,000	0	4
Hawaii stock management plan	462		500	500	38
Yukon River chinook salmon	1,160	700	0	-700	-1,160
Atlantic salmon research	707	710	710	0	3
Gulf of Maine groundfish survey	565	567	567	0	2
Dolphin/Yellowfin tuna research	249	250	250	0	1
Pacific salmon treaty program	17,270	10,587	5,587	-5,000	-11,683
Hawaiian monk seals	747	500	500	0	-247
Steller sea lion recovery plan	3,777	1,440	1,440	0	-2,337
Hawaiian sea turtles	284	248	248	0	-36
Bluefish/striped bass	996		1,000	1,000	4
Halibut/Sablefish	1,195	1,200	1,200	0	5
Total, Resources Information	144,901	128,427	122,818	-5,609	-22,083
Fishery Industry Information					
Fish statistics	12,951	18,871	13,000	-5,871	49
Alaska groundfish monitoring	5,314	5,200	5,200	0	-114
PACFIN catch effort data	2,989	3,000	4,700	1,700	1,711
AKFIN	2,491			0	-2,491
GULF FIN Data Collection Effort	3,686		3,000	3,000	-686
Recreational fishery harvest monitoring	3,487	3,100	3,100	0	-387
Total, Fishery Industry Information	30,918	30,171	29,000	-1,171	-1,918

Marine Sanctuary Program.—The Committee has included \$22,500,000 for the National Marine Sanctuary Program, the same level as provided in current year with the exception of a one-time only project, and \$9,500,000 below the request. The current year level is an increase of \$8,700,000 above fiscal year 1999 levels, provided to enhance the operations of the 12 existing marine sanctuaries. The Committee recommendation does not include funding for additional marine sanctuaries.

In addition, the recommendation includes \$500,000 for the activities of the Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission, the same amount provided in fiscal year 2000. The Commission was established to provide an ecosystem focus on the marine resources in the area, mobilize science and support marine resource committees, and establish a forum for coordination and consensus building, in lieu of Federal designation of the area as a Marine Sanctuary. The Committee believes that such a consensus-based approach is an innovative and novel way to promote marine conservation, the goal of the Marine Sanctuary Program.

Further, the Committee continues to believe that NOAA should redouble its efforts to pursue revenue enhancement initiatives and explore other voluntary, innovative means to identify partners and raise additional resources for the sanctuaries. In addition, the bill includes language, carried in previous years, allowing the collection of user fees for the sanctuaries.

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

The Committee has provided a total of \$405,383,000 for the programs of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), as compared to \$421,726,000 provided in fiscal year 2000 and \$455,369,000 as requested. The Committee notes that for the fifth consecutive year, the budget request includes a proposal for new fishery fees, a proposal repeatedly rejected by the Congress. Therefore, in light of the unrealistic funding mechanisms proposed in the budget to finance increases, the Committee has prioritized to provide the necessary resources to support NMFS programs.

The Committee's actions reflect the fact that the key to building sustainable fisheries lies in the ability to accurately assess the status of the stock. Early assessment enables more accurate and timely decisions by managers of the resource to ensure continued viability of the resource. Thus the Committee has placed highest priority on, and provided increases for, programs and activities which ensure that NMFS and its resource management partners have access to the necessary information to make fishery management decisions.

Resource Information.—The Committee recommendation includes \$100,100,000 for this activity, which is \$8,248,000 below the amount provided in fiscal year 2000, and \$1,888,000 below the request. Of this amount \$86,000,000 is provided for base programs for stock assessments and surveys. The Committee includes a total of \$4,250,000 for stock assessments and research for the west coast groundfish fisheries, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the current year level. In addition, the Committee provides funding to continue both the aquatic resources environmental initiative and MarMAP at the current level. The Committee also expects NMFS to continue the collaborative multi-regional biological research on highly migra-

tory species of sharks so providing information necessary for effective management of the highly migratory shark fishery and conservation of imminently threatened shark fishery resources.

Sea Turtle Protection.—The Committee expects NMFS to continue to improve its activities in the area of protecting, recovering and improving beach monitoring of the southeastern sea turtles. The committee directs NMFS to provide not less than the amount provided in fiscal year 2000 for continuing those activities.

Atlantic Bluefish/Striped Bass.—The Committee recommendation includes \$1,000,000 in funding under Resource Information for the ongoing program under the Cooperative Education Marine Research program to study the decline of nearshore Atlantic bluefish stocks and striped bass population monitoring.

PACFIN/catch effort data.—The Committee has provided \$4,700,000 for this activity, an increase of \$1,700,000 above the request, and the same level as provided in fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

RECFIN.—The Committee provides \$3,100,000 for this activity and expects that the programs for the West Coast, Atlantic States, and Gulf States shall each receive one-third of these funds. Funding for any supplemental region-specific projects is to be derived from the overall "Fish Statistics" line item.

GutPIN.—The Committee has provided \$3,000,000 to continue a data collection and analysis program for fisheries catch and stock assessment data in both the commercial and recreational areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

Computer Hardware and Software.—The recommendation includes \$750,000, a reduction of \$2,750,000 below the fiscal year 2000 level and the request. In fiscal year 2000, the Committee included \$750,000 for development of catch reporting software in conjunction with West Coast States and Alaska which will allow electronic reporting of fish ticket information in a manner compatible with systems utilized by the various regulatory and monitoring agencies. The Committee is aware that this catch reporting software has not been developed, nor has this issue been addressed to date. Last year, the Committee was informed that NMFS was using funds to develop their own computer software, rather than seeking readily available software. The Committee has deferred funding for the base program until NMFS can assure the Committee that this issue has been resolved.

Fisheries Management Programs.—The recommendation includes \$34,680,000 for this activity, \$4,380,000 below fiscal year 2000, and \$5,645,000 below the request. Within this amount, the Committee recommends \$500,000 to continue addressing inter-tidal and other restoration activities for blue back herring, striped bass, and other species.

Columbia River Hatcheries.—The recommendation includes \$12,055,000 for Columbia River Hatcheries operations and maintenance, and the mass marking function within the NMFS line equal to the current year and the base request. The recommendation does not include the proposal to move funding for Columbia River hatchery facilities from the Facilities heading of the NOAA budget to NMFS, but maintains funding for facilities under the Facilities heading.

New England Fisheries Management.—The recommendation includes \$6,000,000 to implement rebuilding plans developed for fisheries as required by Magnuson-Stevens Act and to allow for cooperative research programs. In addition, \$15,000,000 is included by transfer to respond to fisheries failures in the Northeast multispecies fisheries.

Facilities.—Funding of \$4,000,000 is for NMFS facilities maintenance, an increase of \$400,000 from current year level.

Protected Species Management.—The recommendation includes an additional \$250,000 to supplement base funding for the investigation and recommended follow-on activities relating to the impact of California sea lions and harbor seals on the West Coast, and \$750,000 for bottle-nose dolphins in the Southeast.

Right Whales.—The Committee expects NMFS to continue its right whale research and to focus on much needed gear modification research. The Committee is concerned that strikes by large vessels have resulted in right whale fatalities. The Committee directs NMFS to work with the Coast Guard and the Department of the Navy to reduce the strikes in whale habitat areas. The Committee recommendation provides \$4,300,000 for research, \$200,000 above the current year, and the same as the budget request. The Committee expects NMFS to fund: gear modification research; early warning surveys and acoustic studies; reproductive research; habitat monitoring and population studies and tagging studies, at least at the current year level.

Interstate Fish Commissions.—The recommendation includes \$7,750,000 for interstate fish commissions, an increase of \$3,750,000 above the request, and the same amount provided in fiscal year 2000. The Committee directs that \$750,000 be provided to the three interstate commissions, with the remaining funds to be provided for implementation of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act.

The Committee expects NOAA to maintain as a priority under the Saltonstall-Kennedy grant program proposals for research and education efforts directed at the protection of high-risk consumers from naturally occurring bacteria associated with raw molluscan shellfish. Specifically, the Committee expects continuation of ongoing efforts to address concerns associated with *Vibrio vulnificus*.

OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

The Committee has provided a total of \$264,561,000 for the Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Programs of NOAA, instead of \$302,510,000 as requested. The Committee recommendation includes the following amounts for basic laboratory research and support under Oceanic and Atmospheric Research:

Climate and Air Quality Research and Atmospheric Programs.—The Committee has included \$12,900,000 for the base interannual and Seasonal Climate research program, the full amount of the base program as funded in fiscal year 2000 and as requested. The recommendation also includes \$61,000,000 for the base Climate and Global Change program, \$2,000,000 below the level provided in fiscal year 2000 and \$4,095,000 below the request. Of this amount, not less than \$17,000,000 is for the International Research Institute and related regional application centers programs, which is the fiscal year 2000 level. The Committee recommendation be-

lieves OAR's priority should be placed on short and medium term climate forecasting, such as the El Nino and La Nina phenomena, and that these activities should be increased to the maximum extent possible, and offset by reductions in lower priority programs which are not core NOAA mission requirements and are duplicative of other Federal agency programs, including the social science-related economic and human dimensions assessments.

The recommendation also includes \$29,409,000 for Long-term Climate and Air Quality Research, \$591,000 below fiscal year 2000 and \$1,116,000 below the request. In addition, \$35,850,000 is provided for the base Weather research program, the same level as in fiscal year 2000, with the exception of one project.

Marine Prediction Research.—The recommendation includes a total of \$19,725,000 for this activity in fiscal year 2001. Within the total provided, the Committee has provided \$8,875,000 for the base Marine Prediction Research program, the same level as the current year; \$1,450,000 to continue the Ocean Services activity, which was transferred from NOS to OAR in fiscal year 1999, and \$1,650,000 to continue the Arctic Research Initiative. In addition, within this amount, the Committee has also provided \$1,650,000 for continued implementation of the National Invasive Species Act, including \$850,000 to continue the ballast water demonstration program. Funding is also provided to continue the aquatic ecosystems initiative and the VENTS program at their fiscal year 2000 levels.

GLERL.—The Committee has included \$7,125,000 for the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, \$1,040,000 above the request and \$300,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 2000. The Committee has continued funding for GLERL within OAR, given the other Great Lakes-related programs contained in this line office. Should NOAA propose to consolidate all related programs into one line office, the Committee would be willing to consider such a transfer in accordance with the direction included under the National Ocean Service.

Sea Grant.—The Committee recommendation includes \$61,250,000 for the Sea Grant program, an increase of \$2,000,000 above the budget request and the current year level. Within this amount, \$3,000,000 is included for zebra mussel research in accordance with the Non-Indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act; \$3,000,000 is for oyster disease research, including \$1,000,000 to continue the Gulf of Mexico initiative on oyster-related human health risks; and \$1,000,000 is provided for pisteria and related research.

The Committee has provided no funding for the underssea research program and no funding for the Global Learning Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) program.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

The Committee recommendation includes a total of \$621,726,000 for the National Weather Service for fiscal year 2001, which is \$17,856,000 above fiscal year 2000, and \$13,146,000 below the request. Additional amounts for NWS are provided under Facilities Maintenance, and within the Procurement, Acquisition and Construction account to support NWS systems modernization and facilities requirements. The Committee recommendation realigns weather forecasting office maintenance and weather radio trans-

Support and \$11,000,000 for aircraft services. Funding is provided for the Commerce Automated Management System (CAMS) under the Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction heading.

FLEET MAINTENANCE AND PLANNING

The recommendation includes \$7,000,000 for this activity, a decrease of \$2,294,000 below the request, and \$6,243,000 below the amount provided in fiscal year 2000. The recommendation provides sufficient funding for routine maintenance of the existing NOAA fleet. No funds are provided to modernize the existing fleet, initiate major repairs to extend the life of a vessel, or purchase new equipment to upgrade an existing vessel.

FACILITIES

The Committee recommendation includes \$11,015,000 for facilities maintenance, lease costs, and environmental compliance, which is \$9,000 below the amount provided for fiscal year 2000 and \$437,000 below the request. Of the amounts provided: \$1,800,000 is for NOAA facilities maintenance, \$2,000,000 is for environmental compliance activities, \$3,365,000 is for Columbia River facilities maintenance, and \$3,850,000 is for Boulder Facilities Operations.

The Committee provides the same level of funding provided in the current year, but remains concerned about the GSA rental rate for the facility in Boulder, Colorado. The Committee understands that GSA is charging NOAA a rental rate that is far in excess of a normal market approach to value. This distresses the Committee greatly, as the Committee provided approximately \$14,000,000 for above-standard costs over a period of several years during the construction of the facility, only to find that NOAA is being asked to pay what has been determined to be excessive rental rates. GSA is apparently setting the rental rate to achieve an 8 percent return on investment, and this is apparently the first building to which GSA has applied that standard. The Committee encourages the Department of Commerce and GSA to arrive at a lower and more reasonable rental rate. The Committee expects the Department of Commerce to provide a report to the Committee on this situation by August 15, 2000.

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

The recommendation includes \$564,656,000 in fiscal year 2001 for this account, a decrease of \$31,411,000 below the current level, and \$70,566,000 below the request. The recommendation does not include an advance appropriation of \$6,417,495,000 for fiscal years 2002-2019, as requested in the budget. This account funds capital assets acquisition activities, including systems acquisition and new construction. The following distribution reflects the activities funded within this account:

CAMS	\$4,500,000
AWIPS	16,000,000
ASOS	3,855,000
NEXRAD	8,280,000
Computer Facilities Upgrades	11,100,000
Polar Spacecraft and Launching	206,965,000
Geostationary Spacecraft and Launching	200,824,000
Radiosonde Replacement	30,000
GFDL Supercomputer	10,000

matters under the operations and research line, but does not realign the radiosonde replacement from the facilities maintenance line. The recommendation includes funding for central computer upgrade activities under the Procurement, Acquisition and Construction account.

Local Warnings and Forecasts.—The Committee recommendation provides \$459,252,000 for Local Warnings and Forecasts, an increase of \$15,365,000 over fiscal year 2000, and a decrease of \$7,219,000 below the request. In comparison to requested amounts, the recommendation provides \$3,000,000 of the requested \$4,790,000 for labor cost increases, and \$1,650,000 to maintain the existing suite of data buoys and coastal marine automated stations, as requested. Further, the recommendation includes \$3,000,000 to expand the NOAA weather radio program, as requested, including \$500,000 to increase the coverage in Illinois; \$100,000 for Melba, Mississippi, and \$77,000 for Mason, Kentucky and such funds as necessary for Northeastern Minnesota.

Other Operations and Research Program.—The recommendation provides \$1,250,000 for the Susquehanna River Basin flood system; \$35,596,000 for Aviation Forecasts, the same as the request and current year level; \$1,000,000 for the Advanced Hydrological Prediction Program; and \$3,250,000 for Weather Forecast Office maintenance costs.

AWIPS/NOAA Port.—The recommendation includes \$32,150,000 for the operations of the AWIPS system, which has been fully installed. This is the same amount as provided in fiscal year 2000, and \$6,492,000 below the request.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE, DATA AND INFORMATION SERVICE

The recommendation includes \$106,585,000 for the operational and research and development programs of the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), a decrease of \$4,500,000 below fiscal year 2000 and \$1,616,000 below the request.

Environmental Data Management Systems.—The Committee has provided a total of \$55,785,000 for this account, a decrease of \$10,996,000 below the request and an increase of \$2,000,000 above the current level. The amount provides \$500,000 for cooperative network modernization; and \$5,500,000 above the current level for climate database modernization and utilization.

The recommendation includes \$2,750,000 for continuation of the Regional Climate Centers program, which was proposed for elimination. Also, the recommendation provides \$500,000 above the current year level for base operations of Environmental Data Management Systems, which is intended to enhance the operations of the National Climatic Data Center. Further, the Committee recognizes the value of NOAA climate data centers as the U.S. repository for historical environmental data and encourages the Administration to ensure that adequate funding is requested to maintain these centers.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

The Comm. has included \$58,094,000 for Program Support. Included in this total is \$31,850,000 for Central Administrative

Evansville Radar	5,500,000
Construction:	
Weather Forecast Office	9,136,000
NERRS Construction	6,000,000
Marine Sanctuaries	3,000,000
(Deobligations)	(7,504,000)

Total, Procurement, Acquisition and Construction \$564,656,000

Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS).—The Committee has included \$16,000,000 for the AWIPS acquisition, which is \$1,300,000 below the request, and the same amount provided in current year. Funding will complete the second of a three year effort to develop and deploy Build 5.0 software.

Next-Generation Radar (NEXRAD).—The Committee recommendation includes \$8,200,000 for continued closeout activities and planned product improvements at the current year level.

Polar and Geostationary Spacecraft and Launching Programs.—The Committee recommends a total of \$497,789,000 for satellite development and procurement programs, \$40,195,000 above fiscal year 2000, and \$6,654,000 below the request. This amount includes \$70,000,000 for NPOESS-Polar convergence, an increase of \$20,000,000 above the request. While the Committee's constrained allocation prevents fully funding this line item, the Committee considers this program to be a high priority. Should slippage occur in any other program under the Systems Acquisition activity, the NPOESS program should be the first priority for any reprogramming of funds.

NERRS Construction.—The recommendation includes \$6,000,000 in construction funds to provide funding needed to supplement or update facilities.

PACIFIC COASTAL SALMON RECOVERY FUND

The recommendation includes \$58,000,000, the amount provided in the current year, for the Pacific Salmon Recovery Fund. This amount is \$102,000,000 below the request. In the fiscal year 2000 Act, language was included to authorize the appropriation of funds for fiscal year 2000. The Committee has included bill language making fiscal year 2001 funds available subject to express authorization. The Committee's recommendation does not include funding for a vessel buy-back program.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT FUND

The Committee has included language in the bill, identical to that included in fiscal year 2000, which makes available \$4,000,000 in the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Fund for administration of the CZM program, and for State Development Grants in accordance with the authorization set forth in Section 308(b)(2)(A) and 308(b)(2)(B)(v) of the Coastal Zone Management Act, and the National Estuarine Reserve program set forth in Section 315(e) of the Coastal Zone Management Act. The budget included language to transfer the funding to the Operations, Research, and Facilities account.

FISHERMEN'S CONTINGENCY FUND

The Committee recommends \$951,000 for the Fishermen's Contingency Fund, the full amount requested, and \$2,000 less than current year.

The Fishermen's Contingency Fund provides compensation to U.S. fishermen for damage or loss of fishing gear and any resulting loss because of natural or manmade obstructions related to oil and gas exploration, development, and production on the Outer Continental Shelf.

FOREIGN FISHING OBSERVER FUND

The Committee recommends \$189,000 for the Foreign Fishing Observer Fund for fiscal year 2001, an amount equal to the current year level and \$2,000 below the request.

Fees paid into the Fund are collected from owners and operators of certain foreign fishing vessels that fish within the United States Fishery Conservation Zone and are intended to be used by the Secretary of Commerce to finance the cost of placing United States observers aboard such fishing vessels.

FISHERIES FINANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The Committee recommends \$238,000 in subsidy amounts for the Fisheries Finance Program account, \$100,000 below the fiscal year 2000 level due to the discontinuation of certain special programs. The budget request included the following: an increase of \$1,928,000 for Fisheries Finance Program administrative costs; \$513,000 for a new 1½ loan program; \$2,000,000 for industry funded buyback loans; \$1,000,000 in a subsidy loan program for mariculture/aquaculture systems; and \$950,000 for the Individual Fishery Quota (IFQ) program. The recommendation does not include funding for any of these expanded programs and provides funding at the current year level. In addition, language carried in previous years is continued prohibiting loans under this account from being made to purchase any new vessel that would increase the harvesting capacity of any U.S. fishery.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Committee recommends \$31,392,000 for the Commerce Department's Salaries and Expenses appropriation for fiscal year 2001, the same amount available in fiscal year 2000 and a decrease of \$948,000 below the budget request. If additional funds are required, transfers under section 205 can be proposed for reprogramming. In addition, the Committee does not recommend a separate appropriation for security, and maintains funding for Department of Commerce bureaus within their respective budgets. Further, the recommendation does not include a separate appropriation for funding to create a new telecommunications structure for the Department.

The Committee recommendation does not include appropriations requested under the Census Bureau to supplement funding requested by the General Services Administration (GSA) for architectural and design work related to the renovation of the Suitland fa-

CHANGES IN COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND PROTOCOLS

Situation: Since February, 2000, Don McIsaac, Executive Director, has considered various ways the Council could enhance the way the Council accomplishes regulatory responsibilities. He interviewed Council Members, Council staff, Council standing committee, and advisory panel chairs, and several key individuals that interact closely with the Council. The attached memorandum describes several administrative changes in Council operations and protocols.

Council Action: None.

Reference Materials:

1. Memorandum from Don McIsaac to Jim Lone date May 19, 2000 on the subject of *Administrative Changes in Council Operations* (Attachment H.3.a.).

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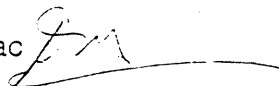
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Attachment H.3.a.
June 2000

CHAIRMAN
Jim Lone

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Donald O. McIsaac

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 19, 2000
TO: Jim Lone, Chair
FROM: Don McIsaac 
SUBJECT: Administrative Changes in Council Operations

A general goal to improve Council operations was a clear mandate at the time I accepted the job of Executive Director. Over the past three months, I have spent substantial effort reviewing administrative elements of the Council process with regard to several objectives to increase efficiency and effectiveness. I have met with 55 individuals, including Council members, staff, technical committee and public advisory panel chairs, and other significant clientele, to hear experienced perspectives on current strengths and weaknesses and gather ideas to make things better. The following decisions were made after considerable thought, analysis of alternatives, and a final meeting with you. These administrative decisions are designed to facilitate good decision-making by the Council on the important West Coast fishery management matters we will face over the next five years and beyond.

This memo summarizes key results that are of interest to the wider Council entourage. It does not describe budget allocation shifts or changes that are either of an internal detail nature or minor, such as staff morale-building strategies and procedural minutiae. This memo also does not describe other changes, ostensibly minor, that are still conceptual and evolving, such as changes in the airline reservation process, staff position description language, and travel order content. A few of these changes have been implemented, most will be implemented within the next few months, and a few won't be implemented for several months.

Staff Organizational Structure

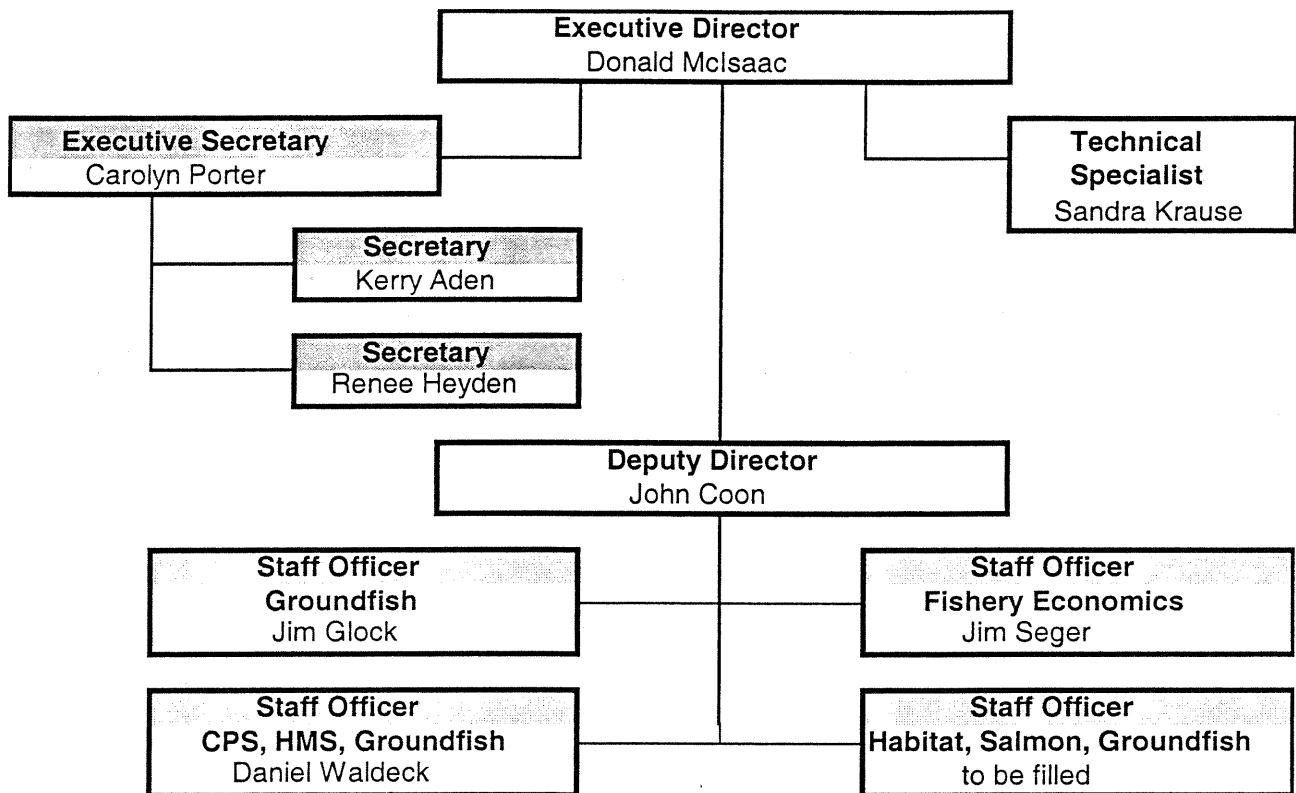
Staff performance has been relatively strong given the existing organizational scheme. However, core changes in the Council staff organizational structure should result in greater overall efficiency and an increased capacity to serve the Council Members, the regulation implementing agencies, the Council clientele, and the Council process in general. Such core changes include terminating some existing contract and procurement relationships, eliminating an existing position, creating new positions and contract relationships, substantially changing the duties of several positions, and changing the reporting structure. The most significant changes are as follows:

- The contract with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) for Habitat Staff Officer functions will be terminated effective December 31, 2000.

- The existing procurement relationship with computer support specialists will be terminated.
- The Administrative Officer position will be eliminated effective May 22, 2000.
- The contract for economic analytical support will be reviewed critically by December 31, 2000 with consideration for non-election during 2001.
- A new contractual relationship with PSMFC will be created that provides specialized computer support functions and potentially some of the duties formerly assigned to the Administrative Officer.
- Two new positions will be created and three positions will be reclassified^{1/}:
 - ▶ The Salmon Staff Officer^{2/} position will be reclassified to a Deputy Director position and will perform a variety of new administrative duties and some of the duties formerly assigned to the Administrative Officer.
 - ▶ A new Staff Officer position dealing with habitat and fishery (salmon, groundfish, *et cetera*) issues will be created.
 - ▶ A new Executive Assistant position will report to the Executive Director, supervise the secretariat, and accomplish some of the duties formerly assigned to the Administrative Officer. Carolyn Porter has accepted an offer to fill this position and will begin June 19, 2000.
 - ▶ The existing Fishery Management Analyst position will be reclassified to a Staff Officer position.
 - ▶ The duties of the Administrative Assistant position will be substantially altered and reclassified to a position focusing on computer/internet support and document preparation.
- There will be some changes in the duties of the all remaining staff positions, including the Executive Director position. With the exception of the two Secretary positions, these changes will be relatively minor in comparison to the changes listed above and unlikely to warrant reclassification.

The reporting structure will be as follows:

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- 1/ At this time, these personnel actions are intended to be effective July 1, 2000, with the exception of the new Executive Assistant position, which will begin June 19, 2000 and the new Staff Officer position, which will begin no later than January 1, 2001.
 - 2/ The generic position term "Staff Officer" is used here to describe the GS-13 level positions most frequently termed "Fishery Management Coordinator" in existing Council personnel and budget documents.



Regulation Implementation

Council staff will exert special efforts to improve ultimate regulation implementation with NMFS. Regular debriefing meetings will be held with representatives of the Southwest and Northwest Regions the Wednesday following each Council Meeting to improve coordination of elements necessary to prepare and submit regulatory documents. Council obligations in regulation implementation will be budgeted and scheduled in workload management as a priority in relation to new endeavors.

The Council Meeting Process

Over the course of the next few meetings, there will be several changes in the way Council meetings are conducted. These include the meeting agenda format, briefing book issues, certain within-in meeting protocols, and advisory entity issues. The most significant changes are as follows:

- Meeting agendas will be designed to minimize agenda item and advisory entity schedule conflicts, and will avoid evening meetings with mandatory Council Member attendance. Written agendas will include a visual summary on the front page.
- Briefing books and briefing book elements will be distributed more broadly before meetings to enhance advisor and public awareness; distribution will include use of the Internet via access to the Council website. Also, exhibit/situation papers in the briefing books will have a simplified format that will include, for clarity purposes, possible

motions. Great care will be taken by Council Staff to insure that possible motions not favor a particular perspective on a fishery issue.

- Lengthy advisory entity statements that have been distributed before the meeting will not be read into the record, but rather summarized by the appropriate chair; other efforts will be made to shorten certain routine within-meeting protocols, such as the reading of salmon hearing results into the record, and multiple-person Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) presentations.
- There will be an increased use of visual aids in the presentation of complex scientific issues, with a goal towards simplification.
- A listing of all supplemental handouts to Council Members will be maintained near the staff table in the rear of the Council room, so as to facilitate tracking of new, within-meeting Council documents by non-Council Members. Similarly, a brief (one or two sentence) listing of Council decisions on action items will be maintained near the staff table in the rear of the Council room, so as to facilitate tracking Council progress by advisory entities and the general Council audience.
- A separate copier machine will be set up in the Washington State/Tribal Technical room at March and April Council meetings for their use in copying indirect necessities, so as to minimize disruption to the normal flow of direct Council record documents between the secretariat and the Council room.
- Advisory entity statements will be circulated more broadly to other appropriate advisory bodies in a timely manner so as to facilitate comprehensive comment on a particular matter. For example, Habitat Steering Group statements will be distributed to the SAS, Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, and other appropriate advisory bodies to provide the opportunity for comprehensive comment to Council Members.
- I will explore with the Council altering the seating arrangements for Council Members occasionally to mix representatives of the various states, as an experiment in emphasizing the collective regional nature of Council business. This would not be done at the April nor November meetings.

Clientele Relations

- The Council Website will be reformatted for friendliness and ease of use, and the capacity for information distribution enhanced. For example, such things as the Council Newsletter, advisory entity reports, power point presentations given at Council meetings, final management measures for fisheries, and at least portions of the briefing book will be accessible on the Council Website.
- The listing of Council decisions on action items, referred to above in the "Council Meeting Process" section, will be posted on the website very soon after each Council meeting as a quick, but brief "morning-after" display of key results.
- A simplified handbook will be prepared for the neophyte public that explains the purpose and basic components of the Council process.

Jim Lone, Chair
May 19, 2000
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- The 1996 "Guide" document will be updated and refined for use in orienting new designees to the Council process and further educating interested clientele and general public.

Council Office Operations

- Briefing book preparation will be constrained to well-noticed, but hard deadlines.
- With the exception of Council Members and Council Staff, hotel reservations will be the responsibility of each person attending the Council meetings; Council staff will no longer serve a clearinghouse function between attendees and the hotel. Notice of the necessary specifics for individuals to make their own reservations will be provided in advance of each meeting.

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Council Staff

RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS/ECONOMIC DATA PLAN

Situation: On even numbered years the Council reviews and updates its research and data needs and economic data plan. The SSC takes a lead role in this process. In April, draft documents with revisions proposed by the Council staff were distributed to the SSC and other Council advisory committees. Comments from these entities are continuing to come in and are being routed to the SSC for compilation into a single proposed revised document for Council consideration. The SSC will report on its progress at the June meeting.

The Council operating procedure on this matter calls for approval of public review drafts at the June Council meeting with final adoption in September. This process also provides an opportunity at the June meeting for advisory panels and teams to comment on the proposed revisions as compiled by the SSC, just prior to a Council decision on whether or not the drafts are ready for public review. Because of the delay, even if draft documents are available by the June meeting, the Council and its advisory committee's will not have had a chance to thoroughly review the SSC's compilation of comments. It is in this context the Council will need to make a decision as to whether or not to send the documents out for public review. If sent out for review, there will be further opportunity for revision prior to final adoption. After final adoption, the next action on the biannual cycle is an early December meeting among the staffs of involved agencies to develop a consensus on high priority initiatives to address Council needs.

Council Action: Decide whether or not to send the draft revised research and data needs and economic data documents out for public comment.

Reference Materials:

1. Draft 2000-2001 Research and Data Needs (Supplemental Attachment H.5.a.).
2. Draft West Coast Fisheries Economic Data Plan (Supplemental Attachment H.5.b).

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June 23, 2000

Don McIsaac
PFMC
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From: Paul Engelmeyer
Rod Fujita, EDF

Subject: Research and Data Needs 2000-2002

Dear Mr. McIsaac,

We would like to take this opportunity to comment to the Council concerning Research and Data Needs for 2000-2002.

SALMONIDS

There are now over 20 Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of West Coast salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). We also acknowledge that the NMFS has management responsibility for those listings and consequently requires quantitative data on abundance and biological characteristics of the fish populations, both for assessing current status and for projecting the future viability of the populations.

We agree with the PFMC's priority data needs for the Salmon FMP which are:

- A more accurate assessment of total fishing related mortality of natural stocks of coho and Chinook. Fishery management regimes designed to

reduce impacts through nonretention or selective fishing depend for success on unbiased estimates of noncatch mortality.

- Advances in genetic stock identification, otolith marking, and other techniques may make it feasible to use a variety of stock identification technologies to assess fishery impacts and migration patterns. The increasing necessity for weak-stock management puts a premium on the ability to identify naturally reproducing stocks and stocks that contribute to fisheries at low rates. The CWT marking system is not suitable for these needs. The Council should encourage efforts to apply these techniques to management.
- Encourage developments of probabilistic habitat-based models that incorporate environmental variation to establish harvest policies and enable risk assessment for fishing strategies. Overfishing definitions are required to relate to a measure of MSY. MSY for salmon is related to productivity, which varies annually in freshwater and the marine environment. Techniques for evaluating productivity, or survival, in freshwater and marine habitats are needed to set appropriate harvest targets and associated conservation guidelines such as escapement floors and overfishing definitions.

We also believe it is critical that NMFS and the Council develop research projects and implementation timelines for other studies, analysis, and programs that will facilitate sustainable salmon management. These programs are essential to verify the effectiveness of restoration activities and the recovery of fresh water natal habitat conditions. As you discuss near and long term research needs for the region we would like you to consider the following;

- Develop a co-operative comprehensive monitoring program by ESU: This program would develop 'life cycle index basins' that would quantify both freshwater and ocean survival for multiple species (coho, steelhead, and Chinook). ODFW has developed multiple life cycle monitoring sites in the Oregon Coastal basins, which gives the region a good start on the program. We propose the development of a partnership program with the US Forest Service / Aquatic Conservation strategy, NMFS, States, and local watershed groups working together on site selection and funding requests.

- Hatchery effects on ecological processes: How has the existing hatchery management programs affected ecological processes with regard to wild fish natural production? Does our impoverished estuarine environment and the poor ocean conditions make the near-shore carrying capacity a factor in natural production recovery? Does a 100 million hatchery smolts released in the Columbia basin that are 3 times the size of wild smolts affect near shore survival and/or attract predators and decrease productivity of wild fish?
- Identify Source populations for recovery: Develop an assessment for each ESU that establishes source populations for recovery as well as identifies areas in which populations have been extirpated or are at critically low abundance's. We know many of our coastal coho populations are extremely fragmented and that in many cases only a few demes are holding up total spawning population estimates for the basin. We need to document and understand run timing, spatial distribution as well as abundance. Stray rates and recolonization at the sub-basin scale needs to be understood and a strategy needs to be in place to verify recovery across the landscape.

West Coast Economic Data Plan

We agree with direction put forward in the Data Plan which is to provide a coordinating instrument for developing and implementing a systematic approach to acquiring the needed economic data in a consistent and timely manner. But we are also very concerned that this direction fails to acknowledge a number of issues that must be addressed in any economic assessment.

- There appears to be no discussion or direction to acknowledge any costs associated to the hatchery production of many of the anadromous salmon stocks. The cost effectiveness analysis of existing state and federal fishery management activities must include the costs of all fisheries management related programs; fish production, habitat, as well as monitoring.
- Throughout the Northwest there are over 350 watershed groups working to restore their watersheds and improve habitat conditions critical to the recovery of the numerous ESA listed salmon stocks. We urge the Council to gather the economic data that is related to these inland habitat

restoration efforts on public as well as private lands. There are thousands of volunteer hours that are documented and used as match when writing proposals for restoration activities that are directly related to West Coast fishery management but fail to be included in the West Coast Economic Data Program.

GROUND FISH

The highest priority for groundfish research and data collection should be placed on quantifying total mortality. This will require an observer program that is robust enough to deliver statistically significant estimates of discard mortality.

Other priorities include:

Ocean productivity adjustment to allowable biological catch. One reason that many groundfish populations are overfished at the present time is that the Council's assessment and harvest policies did not anticipate the strong effects of cycles and variations in ocean productivity on fish productivity, and hence, on allowable catch.

Vulnerability (or resilience) analysis. There are 83 species of groundfish in the FMP. Ideally, all would be assessed so that harvest policies could be adopted for all (both target or non-target species) to ensure sustainability. However, limited resources will force us to adopt other strategies.

Vulnerability or resilience analysis (estimation of intrinsic rate of increase, age at first reproduction, and other key population parameters to derive an estimate of relative vulnerability or resilience to fishing mortality) would provide a rational way of prioritizing assessments and guide precautionary actions (e.g., closing areas where unassessed or vulnerable species are caught at high rates).

Habitat assessment. The mapping and characterization of groundfish habitat will be essential for fulfilling the EFH mandate and for implementing marine reserves.

Ecological indicators. The development of a relatively small number of key ecosystem structure and function variables would facilitate the measurement of the performance of marine reserves, EFH-related actions, and all other Council-sanctioned activities that affect marine ecosystems. Part of the definition of Optimum Yield in the SFA (little recognized or acknowledged) mandates the protection of ecological integrity or health.

If you would like to discuss these issues further do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Engelmeyer".

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APPOINTMENT TO THE GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL

Situation: Due to a resignation, the Council solicited nominations for the Conservation position on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel. Nominations received are listed below, and the nomination letter is included in the briefing book under the Closed Session tab.

Conservation Representative (One Vacancy)

Nominee

Nominated By

Dr. Mark Powell

Pacific Fisheries Projects Manager,
Center for Marine Conservation

Center for Marine Conservation; San Francisco, CA

Bob Eaton, Pacific Marine Conservation Council; Astoria, OR

Council Action: Appoint one member to the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel for the Conservation position.

Reference Materials:

1. Letters of nominations (see CLOSED SESSION, Attachment B.1.).

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PROPOSED AGENDA
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September 11-15, 2000

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

Monday (September 11)	Tuesday (September 12)	Wednesday (September 13)	Thursday (September 14)	Friday (September 15)
No Council Session	Closed Executive Session			
	Marine Reserves		Salmon Management	
	Habitat Issues	Groundfish Management		Highly Migratory Species Management
	Halibut Management			
	4 p.m. Public Comment Period (For Items <u>Not</u> on the Agenda)	Coastal Pelagic Species Management	Groundfish Management	Administrative Matters
Ancillary meetings of advisory panels, technical teams, subcommittees, etc. begin Sunday and Monday (see last page of detailed Council agenda daily schedule)				

Notice to Public

Please note 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. 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 unless they are emergency in nature. Formal Council action will be restricted to those non-emergency issues specifically identified as **action items** in the agenda. Public comments on items not on the agenda will be accepted at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

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

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

DETAILED COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

ANCILLARY SESSIONS

Various Technical and Administrative Committees, Advisory Entities, Work Groups, and State Delegations will meet throughout the week. See the ANCILLARY MEETING schedule at the end of this agenda for a complete listing of these meetings.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

8 A.M.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Martinique Ballroom

9 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION

Martinique Ballroom

A. Call to Order

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| 1. Opening Remarks, Introductions | Jim Lone, Chair |
| 2. Roll Call | |
| 3. Executive Director's Report | Don McIsaac |
| 4. Status of Federal Regulation Implementation | NMFS |
| 5. Council Action: Approve Agenda | |
| 6. Council Action: Approve April and June 2000 Minutes | Jim Lone, Chair |

B. Marine Reserves

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| 1. Marine Reserves Phase I Considerations Report | |
| a. Agendum Overview | Jim Seger |
| b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Action: Management Tool Application Finding | |
| 2. Marine Reserves Phase II Considerations | |
| a. Agendum Overview | Jim Seger |
| b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Action: Decision If and How to Proceed with Marine Reserve Implementation | |

C. Habitat Issues

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| 1. Habitat Management Agenda Overview | Fran Recht |
| 2. Report of the Habitat Steering Group (HSG) | Michele Robinson |
| a. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| b. Public Comment | |

- c. **Council Action:** Consider HSG Recommendations

D. Pacific Halibut Management

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| 1. Agenda Overview | John Coon |
| 2. Status of 2000 Fisheries | Yvonne DeReynier |
| a. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| b. Public Comment | |
| 3. Status of Bycatch Estimate | Cyreis Schmitt |
| a. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| b. Public Comment | |
| c. Council Guidance | |
| 4. Proposed Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations | |
| a. Agendum Overview | John Coon |
| b. State Proposals | WDFW, ODFW |
| c. Tribal Comments | |
| d. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| e. Public Comment | |
| f. Council Action: Adopt Proposed Changes for Public Review | |

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
4 P.M.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

8 A.M.
GENERAL SESSION
Martinique Ballroom

A. Call to Order (Reconvene)

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| | Jim Lone |
| 7. Daily Agenda Overview | Don McIsaac |

E. Groundfish Management

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| 1. Agenda Overview | Jim Glock |
| 2. Status of Federal Groundfish Activities | |
| a. NMFS Report | Bill Robinson |
| b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Discussion and Possible Action on Exempted Fishing Permit Applications | |
| 3. Rebuilding Programs for Canary Rockfish and Cowcod | |
| a. Agendum Overview | Jim Glock |
| b. Ad-Hoc Allocation Committee Report | Phil Anderson |
| c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| d. Public Comment | |
| e. Council Action: Adopt for Public Review Draft and Public Hearing Schedule | |

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| 4. | New Stock Assessments for Lingcod and Pacific Ocean Perch | |
| a. | Agendum Overview | Jim Glock |
| b. | Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. | Public Comment | |
| d. | Council Action: Consider Rebuilding Plan and Season Adjustments | |
| 5. | Preliminary Harvest Levels and Other Specifications for 2001 | |
| a. | Agendum Overview | Jim Glock |
| b. | Preliminary Estimates of Acceptable Biological Catch, Optimum Yield, and Economic Analysis | GMT |
| c. | Proposed Treaty Indian Harvest Levels | Jim Harp |
| d. | Preliminary Estimates of Domestic Annual Processing, Joint Venture Processing and Total Allowable Level of Foreign Fishing | Kate King |
| e. | Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| f. | Public Comment | |
| g. | Council Action: Adopt Specifications for Public Review | |
| 6. | Groundfish Strategic Plan | |
| a. | Ad-Hoc Groundfish Strategic Plan Development Committee Final Report | |
| b. | Hearing Summaries | |
| c. | Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| d. | Public Comments | |
| e. | Council Action: Consider Final Adoption of Plan | |

F. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

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| 1. | Agenda Overview | Dan Waldeck |
| 2. | CPS Finfish Limited Entry Issue: Transferability (Preliminary Action) | |
| a. | Agendum Overview | Dan Waldeck |
| b. | Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. | Public Comment | |
| d. | Council Action: | |
| 3. | CPS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 9: Bycatch, Squid Maximum Sustainable Yield, Tribal Fishing Rights | |
| a. | Agendum Overview | Dan Waldeck |
| b. | Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. | Public Comment | |
| d. | Council Action: | |
| 4. | Stock Assessment Review for CPS | |
| a. | Agendum Overview | Dan Waldeck |
| b. | Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. | Public Comment | |
| d. | Council Discussion and Possible Action | |

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

8 A.M.
GENERAL SESSION
Martinique Ballroom

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| <i>A. Call to Order (Reconvene)</i> | Jim Lone |
| 8. Daily Agenda Overview | Don McIsaac |

G. Salmon Management

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| 1. Agenda Overview | John Coon |
| 2. Sequence of Events and Status of Fisheries | John Coon, Doug Milward |
| a. Public Comment | |
| b. Council Discussion | |
| 3. Status of Plan Amendment 14 | John Coon |
| a. Agendum Overview | |
| b. Comments of Tribes and Agencies | |
| c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| d. Public Comment | |
| e. Council Action: Assess and Address Any Deficiencies in the Implementation of Amendment 14 | |
| 4. Preliminary Report of the Oregon Coastal Natural Coho Work Group | |
| a. Agendum Overview | John Coon |
| b. Report by Review Team Leader | Sam Sharr |
| c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| d. Public Comment | |
| e. Council Discussion and Guidance on Development of Final Report | |

E. Groundfish Management (continued)

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| 7. Stocks to be Assessed in 2001 and Agency Commitments | Cyreis Schmitt |
| a. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| b. Public Comment | |
| c. Council Discussion | |
| 8. American Fisheries Act | |
| a. Agendum Overview | Dan Waldeck |
| b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Action: Adoption of Draft Plan Amendment for Public Review | |
| 9. Proposed Management Measures for 2001 | |
| a. Agendum Overview | Jim Glock |
| b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Action: Adopt for Public Review | |
| 10. Status of Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments | |
| a. Agendum Overview | Jim Glock |
| b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Action: Consider Adjustments in Management Measures | |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

8 A.M.
GENERAL SESSION
Martinique Ballroom

A. Call to Order

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| | Jim Lone |
| 9. Daily Agenda Overview | Don McIsaac |

I. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. Agenda Overview
2. Update on FMP Development
 - a. Agendum Overview
 - b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Guidance

Dan Waldeck

J. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Report of the Budget Committee - **ACTION**
2. Status of Legislation
3. Research and Data Needs and Economic Data Plan
4. Changes in Council Operating Procedures
5. Appointments to Advisory Groups - **ACTION**
6. Draft Agenda for November 2000 - **ACTION**
7. Election of Officers

Jim Harp
Dave Hanson
Jim Seger
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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2000

Groundfish Management Team	11 a.m.	
Council Secretariat	7 p.m.	California Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

Council Secretariat	7:30 a.m.	California Room
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.	
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.	
Habitat Steering Group	9 a.m.	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	9 a.m.	
Briefing on Stock Assessments	9:30 a.m.	
Budget Committee	1:30 p.m.	

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	California Room
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	
Habitat Steering Group	8 a.m.	
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.	
Groundfish Management Team	As Necessary	
Enforcement Consultants	5:30 p.m.	
Ad-Hoc Marine Reserve Committee	6:30 p.m.	

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	California Room
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	
Salmon Technical Team and Scientific and Statistical Committee Joint Workshop	8 a.m.	
Groundfish Management Team	As Necessary	
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary	

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS (CONTINUED)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	California Room
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	10 a.m.	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	As Necessary	
Groundfish Management Team	As Necessary	
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary	

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	California Room
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Groundfish Management Team	As Necessary	