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SEP 27 2000

Mr. Jim Lone, Chair
Pacific Fishery Management Council
2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224
Portland, OR, 97201

Dear Jim:

This letter is to inform you that I am approving Amendment 14 to the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan. I am approving the amendment package and its associated supporting analysis in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and Regulatory Impact Review. The proposed rule to implement Amendment 14 will be published in the near future.

Amendment 14 designates marine and freshwater Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Pacific coast salmon. The Council's use of U.S. Geological Survey Hydrological Unit Code (HUC) watersheds as the basis for describing freshwater EFH will allow more precise identification of EFH in the future as HUC sub-watersheds are delineated. However, many non-fishing industries and others whose actions may be subject to EFH consultations have seen maps of the HUCs and incorrectly concluded that terrestrial areas are part of EFH. The Magnuson-Stevens Act limits EFH to waters and substrate. Accordingly, the Council should ensure that its EFH descriptions, particularly maps and other graphical depictions provided to the public, explicitly state that EFH is limited to aquatic areas and does not include dry land.

Amendment 14 also discusses the potential social and economic impacts on fishing communities involved in the ocean salmon fishery off the West Coast. NMFS recommends that the Council provide further social and economic analyses in the future, similar to the community profiles prepared since 1989 by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for Washington and Oregon fishing communities involved in the Alaskan fisheries.

I appreciate the hard work undertaken by the Council in crafting the Amendment and its supporting documents, and I look forward to working with you to implement these management and regulatory changes. I believe that Amendment 14 provides a strong framework for the Council's coming fishery management decisions regarding salmon. NMFS looks forward to working with the Council to meet those challenges.

Sincerely,


Donna Darm
Acting Regional Administrator



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS
Pacific Fishery Management Council

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October 30 - November 3, 2000

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

Monday (October 30)	Tuesday (October 31)	Wednesday (November 1)	Thursday (November 2)	Friday (November 3)
No Council Session	Salmon	Closed Executive Session		Habitat Issues
	Groundfish 4 p.m. Open Comment Period (For Items <u>Not</u> on the Agenda)	Groundfish Halibut	Groundfish Coastal Pelagic Species	Groundfish Highly Migratory Species Administrative Matters
Ancillary meetings of advisory subpanels, 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.

To present 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 inside the Council meeting room. 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 or materials received at the Council Office by October 25, 2000 will be included in the materials distributed to the Council for consideration at this meeting. Comments received by October 16 will be mailed to Council members prior to the meeting. **After October 25 it is the submitter's responsibility to provide Council staff with an adequate number of copies to assure coverage of the Council (a minimum of 40 copies).**

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

DETAILED COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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, OCTOBER 31, 2000

8 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION

Centennial Center

A. *Call to Order*

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions Jim Lone
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report Don McIsaac
4. Report on Federal Regulation Implementation Bill Robinson
5. **Council Action:** Approve Agenda

B. *Salmon Management*

1. Sequence of Events and Status of Fisheries in 2000 John Coon, Doug Milward
 - a. Agendum Overview and Status Report
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion
2. Results of Scientific and Statistical Committee Methodology Review John Coon
 - a. Agendum Overview
 - b. Report and Comment of Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Approve Methodology Changes for 2001
3. Final Report of the Oregon Coastal Natural Coho Work Group John Coon
Sam Sharr
 - a. Agendum Overview
 - b. Report by Work Group Leader
 - c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Consider Adopting Technical Adjustments to Amendment 13
4. Progress Report on Review of Queets Wild Coho Status John Coon
Jim Harp/Phil Anderson
 - a. Agendum Overview
 - b. Report of Tribes and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
 - c. Report and Comment of Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion
5. Salmon Option Hearing Sites John Coon
 - a. Agendum Overview
 - b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion and Guidance on Location of Salmon Option Hearing Sites

C. *Groundfish Management*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rebuilding Plans for Canary Rockfish and Cowcod <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agendum Overview b. Report of the Ad Hoc Allocation Committee Report c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies d. Public Comment e. Council Action: Adopt Rebuilding Plans for Cowcod and Canary Rockfish 2. Apportionment of Sablefish Discard Estimates for 2001 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agendum Overview b. Report of the Ad Hoc Allocation Committee c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies d. Public Comment e. Council Action: Adopt Apportionment Values for 2001 3. Final Harvest Levels for 2001 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agendum Overview b. Resolution of Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey and State Catch Estimates c. Groundfish Management Team Recommendations and Impact Analysis d. Treaty Indian Harvest Guidelines e. Other Specifications f. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies g. Public Comment h. Council Action: Adopt Final Harvest Levels for 2001 | <p>Jim Glock
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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

4 P.M.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2000

8 A.M.
CLOSED SESSION
 (Closed to all except Council members, their designees, and other designated by the Chair to discuss litigation and personnel matters.)
Centennial Center

9 A.M.
GENERAL SESSION
Centennial Center

A. Call to Order

Jim Lone

6. Commencing Remarks

Don McIsaac

C. Groundfish Management, (continued)

4. Status of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Research Programs and Other Non-regulatory Activities
 - a. NMFS Report Bill Robinson
 - b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion
5. Update on American Fisheries Act Measures
 - a. Agendum Overview Dan Waldeck
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion
6. Exempted Fishing Permit Applications
 - a. Agendum Overview Jim Glock
 - b. NMFS Report Cyreis Schmitt
 - c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Recommendations to NMFS on Research and Other Exempted Fishing Permit Applications
7. 2001/2002 Groundfish Management Process and Schedule
 - a. Agendum Overview Jim Glock
 - b. Stock Assessment Process Cyreis Schmitt
 - c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Adoption of 2001 Groundfish Management Process
8. Sablefish Permit Stacking
 - a. Agendum Overview and Summary of Impact Analysis Jim Seger
 - b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Final Adoption of Sablefish Permit Stacking Plan Amendment

D. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Estimate of Bycatch in 1999
 - a. NMFS Report Cyreis Schmitt
 - b. Report and Comments of Advisory bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Guidance
2. Changes to Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations for 2001
 - a. Agendum Overview John Coon
 - b. State Proposals
 - c. Tribal Comments
 - d. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - e. Public Comment
 - f. **Council Action:** Consider Adopting Regulatory Changes for 2001 Halibut Management

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2000

8 A.M.
GENERAL SESSION
Centennial Center

A. Call to Order

Jim Lone

7. Commencing Remarks

Don McIsaac

C. Groundfish Management, (continued)

9. Management Measures for 2001

- a. Agendum Overview
b. Report of the Ad Hoc Allocation Committee
c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
d. Public Comment

Jim Glock
Phil Anderson

- e. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Management Measures for 2001

10. Permit Transfer Regulatory Amendment

- a. Agendum Overview
b. Impact Analysis
c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
d. Public Comment

Jim Glock
Yvonne DeReynier

- e. **Council Action:** Adopt Regulatory Amendment

E. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. Limited Entry Fishery - Capacity Goal and Other Issues

- a. Agendum Overview
b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. Council Discussion on Capacity Goals and Other Issues

Dan Waldeck

2. Pacific Sardine Harvest Guideline

- a. Agendum Overview
b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. **Council Action:** Adopt 2001 Harvest Guideline

Dan Waldeck

3. Pacific Sardine Suballocation

- a. Agendum Overview
b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. Council Discussion on Allocation Measures for Northern Areas

Dan Waldeck

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2000

8 A.M.
GENERAL SESSION
Centennial Center

A. Call to Order

Jim Lone

8. Commencing Remarks

Don McIsaac

F. Habitat Issues

- 1. Ongoing and New Habitat Issues
 - a. Agendum Overview
 - b. Report of the Habitat Steering Group (HSG)
 - c. Communication Partnership for Science and the Sea Presentation
 - d. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - e. Public Comment
 - f. **Council Action:** Consider HSG Recommendations
- Fran Recht
Michele Robinson
George Leonard

C. Groundfish Management, (continued)

- 11. Status of Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments
 - a. Agendum Overview
 - b. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Adjustments in Management Measures
- Jim Glock

G. Highly Migratory Species Management

- 1. Update on Fishery Management Plan Development
 - a. Informational Report
 - b. Council Discussion
- Larry Six

H. Administrative and Other Matters

- 1. Report of the Budget Committee - **ACTION**
 - 2. Status of Legislation
 - 3. Research and Data Needs and Economic Data Plan
 - a. Agendum Overview
 - b. Summary of Written Public Comment
 - c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Consider Final Adoption of Research and Data Needs and Economic Data Plan Documents
 - 4. Appointments to Advisory Bodies for 2001 Through 2003 - **ACTION**
 - 5. Draft Agenda Ideas for March 2001 - **DISCUSSION**
- Jim Harp
Dave Hanson

Jim Seger
Jim Seger

Jim Lone
Don McIsaac

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- Jim Lone

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2000

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM NAME</u>
Groundfish Management Team	1 p.m. Quav Side
Scientific and Statistical Committee Salmon Subcommittee	1 p.m. Quarterdeck
Scientific and Statistical Committee Groundfish Subcommittee	1 p.m. Chart

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2000

Council Secretariat	7 a.m. Pool Side
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m. Quav Side
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m. East River I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	10:30 a.m. East River II
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	1 p.m. West River II
Salmon Technical Team	1 p.m. West River I
Budget Committee	2 p.m. After Deck

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2000

Council Secretariat	7 a.m. Pool Side
California State Delegation	7 a.m. East River I
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m. East River II
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m. Quav Side
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m. East River II
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m. West River II
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m. East River I
SSC/GMT/GAP Joint Meeting on Groundfish Stock Assessment Process	10 a.m. East River II
Enforcement Consultants	5:30 p.m. After Deck
Groundfish Management Team	As Necessary Quav Side

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2000

Council Secretariat	7 a.m. Pool Side
California State Delegation	7 a.m. East River I
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m. East River II
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m. Quav Side
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m. East River II
Habitat Steering Group	9 a.m. East River I
Enforcement Consultants	As Necessary After Deck
Groundfish Management Team	As Necessary Quav Side

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS. (continued)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2000

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	Pool Side
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	East River I
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	East River II
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.	Quay Side
Ad Hoc Marine Reserves Planning Committee	1 p.m.	East River I
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary	After Deck
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	As Necessary	East River II
Groundfish Management Team	As Necessary	Quay Side

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2000

Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	Pool Side
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	East River I
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	East River II
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.	Quay Side

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