



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, and Interested Persons

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 21-26, 2012, at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, 1770 South Amphlett Blvd San Mateo, CA 94402. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will be meeting jointly on June 21st, and separately on June 22nd. At this Council meeting, supplemental reports may be developed on the following topics:

- Draft Methodology and Draft Stock Assessment Review Panel Terms of Reference (Agenda Item D.3)
- Unmanaged forage fish (Agenda Item G.1)
- Potential changes to Exempted Fishing Permit protocols (Agenda Item G.7)
- Pacific mackerel management for 2012-2013 (Agenda Item F.2)
- A potential harvest parameters workshop/management strategy evaluation (Agenda Item G.7)

In addition, the CPSAS will be electing a Chair and Vice Chair (scheduled for the morning of June 22nd).

Enclosed are June agenda materials that might be of interest to you. Thank you for your continued effort in support of the Council and West Coast fishery management.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item D.3 – Groundfish Stock Assessment Planning
3. Agenda Item F.1 – CPS NMFS Report
4. Agenda Item F.2 – Pacific Mackerel Management for 2012-2013
5. Agenda Item G.1 – Consideration of Further Protection of Currently Unmanaged Forage Species
6. Agenda Item H.1 – Council Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Development
7. Agenda Item I.1 – Annual NMFS Enforcement Report
8. Agenda Item G.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
9. Agenda Item G.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2012
TO: Enforcement Consultants
FROM: Jim Seger, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: June 2012 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 21 through June 26, 2012 at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel in San Mateo, California. The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet on **Thursday, June 21** starting at **4:30 p.m.** and continue through **Monday, June 25**, as needed. Enclosed are materials for items on the EC Agenda and additional items that might be of interest to you. Hotel information is also enclosed.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Proposed November Council Meeting Agenda
2. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
- Groundfish Management**
3. Agenda Item D.2 Barotrauma Workshop Report and Potential Use of Recompression Catch-and-Release Survival Estimates
4. Agenda Item D.5 Tentative Adoption of Final 2013-2014 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures
5. Agenda Item D.6 Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions
6. Agenda Item D.8 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
- Administrative Matters**
7. Agenda Item G.7 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
- Enforcement Issues**
8. Agenda Item I.1 Annual NMFS Enforcement Report
- General Information**
9. Hotel Related Information
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Ecosystem Plan Development Team, Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, and Interested Persons

FROM: Mike Burner

SUBJECT: June 2012 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 21-26, 2012 at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel in San Mateo, California. The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) will meet on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23. The Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT) will not be meeting at the June Council meeting and will be receiving the meeting materials electronically. Meeting materials for the EAS are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the EAS agenda. The Council's developing Fishery Ecosystem Plan will be the focus of this session and I have tried to arrange the EAS agenda to allow ample time for discussion and development of productive recommendations to the Council. I would like the session to have flexibility and I am open to your thoughts on the best way to organize our session.

Administrative Matters

The EAS has three new members that have been appointed since we last met and I look forward to working with all of you in June. The EAS will hold elections for officers in June and I am open to suggestions as to how we conduct and schedule the process.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has posted an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) regarding potential revisions to the National Standard 1 Guidelines regarding fishery conservation and management. The ANPR highlights eleven areas that NMFS may explore and the Council will consider submitting comments. The EAS will briefly review the ANPR and the issues it raises and may develop recommendations on a Council response.

Ecosystem-Based Management Matters

The focus of the EAS meeting in June will be to provide input to the Council on the developing Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). At this meeting the Council will provide guidance on further development of an FEP and an annual "state-of-the-ecosystem" report. The EPDT's latest draft FEP and an outline for an annual report are included in your materials under Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1. Please review these materials carefully. Although the EPDT is not meeting in June, several EPDT members are planning to attend the June Council session and will be available, as schedules allow, to answer questions and discuss the drafts.

In a closely related matter under Agenda Item G.1, the Council will consider further protective measures for unexploited forage species. This is an administrative matter and the Council will not be adopting regulations or fishery prohibitions at this session. At this session, the Council will consider the need for and potential mechanisms to address unmanaged forage species. The options presented by the EPDT include options that would affect the future development of the FEP.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

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Enclosures include:

Closed Session, Council, and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item G.1 – Consideration of Further Protection of Currently Unmanaged Forage Species
3. Agenda Item G.3 – Advance Notice for Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for National Standard 1 Guidelines
4. Agenda Item G.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Ecosystem-Based Management

5. Agenda Item H.1 – Council Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Development

Enforcement Issues

6. Agenda Item I.1 – Annual NMFS Enforcement Report

EAS Agenda, Informational Reports, etc.

7. June 2012 EAS Agenda
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2012

TO: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel, Highly Migratory Species Management Team, and Interested Persons

FROM: Dr. Kit Dahl, Staff Officer for Highly Migratory Species

SUBJECT: June 2012 Council Meeting

The March Council meeting takes place June 21-26 at the Marriott Hotel in San Mateo, California. Both the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) and Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) begin meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20 and continue meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 21. HMS topics are on the second day of the Council meeting, Friday, June 22.

There are two HMS items on the Council agenda. Agenda Item E.1 is Management Reference Points and Measures for 2013-2014 Fisheries. The Fishery Management Plan for West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS FMP) authorizes a Council three-meeting process every other year to determine if regulatory changes are needed for the HMS FMP management program. With the implementation of Amendment 2 to the HMS FMP, this process also may be used for the Council to determine if estimates of maximum sustainable yield (MSY), optimum yield (OY), or status determine criteria (SDC) need to be reevaluated and adjusted for any managed HMS stocks. The June meeting is the first in this cycle's three-meeting process.

Agenda Item E.2 is International Management Activities and Recommendations. The HMSMT prepared a report, included in the Briefing Book, providing background information to help the Council consider recommendations to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission's Northern Committee on the development of an international management regime for North Pacific albacore tuna. The HMSMT will meet with the HMSAS on Wednesday, June 20 to brief them on the contents of the report and get feedback for possible recommendations to the Council. The HMSMT will also meet with the Scientific and Statistical Committee on Wednesday to discuss biological reference points for North Pacific albacore and other HMS.

The Council will also receive an update on the U.S.-Canada albacore treaty under Agenda Item E.2. The U.S. and Canada have not agreed on renewing the Fishing Regime described in Annex C of the Treaty, which expired at the end of the 2011 fishing season. The Council may make recommendations on future discussions of the matter between the U.S. and Canada.

Your agendas also include discussion of Agenda Item G.3, Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for Revisions to National Standard 1. National Marine Fisheries Service published the ANPR anticipating needed changes to National Standard 1 Guideline revisions promulgated in 2009. The HMSMT and HMSAS have the option of providing comments to the Council on this topic.

As usual, materials for Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning (Agenda Item G.7) are included to inform committees on planning for future meetings. Note that the HMSMT submitted a report for the briefing book under this item. This item appears on the Council agenda at the end of the day on Tuesday, June 26. If they wish to, committees may submit supplemental reports proposing agenda topics for future meetings.

Paper copies of referenced briefing materials are enclosed. In addition, you may also obtain electronic copies of all the meeting materials on our website at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/briefing-books/>. We also post supplemental briefing materials on our website, as they become available after distribution of the briefing book.

Thanks for your continued participation and see you in San Mateo, originally part of *Rancho de las Pulgas* (literally “Ranch of the Fleas”). I am assured that the fleas are gone, at least from our hotel.

KRD:kam

Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item E.1 – Management Reference Points and Measures for 2013-2014 Fisheries
3. Agenda Item E.2 – International Management Activities and Recommendations
4. Agenda Item G.3 – Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for National Standard 1 Guidelines
5. Agenda Item G.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2012
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: Mike Burner
SUBJECT: June 2012 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 21-26, 2012 at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel in San Mateo, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet on Wednesday, June 20 and Thursday, June 21. Your meeting materials are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the SSC agenda.

Administrative Matters

We will have one nomination to review. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Region (SWR) has nominated Mr. Michael Hendrick to fill the vacant NMFS SWR position on the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Team. Also, there are two reports from 2012 review meetings; a panel report from the review of the Collaborative Optical-Acoustic Survey Technique (COAST) methodology and a draft report of the Joint Session of the Groundfish and Economic Subcommittees and the Groundfish Management Team on rebuilding analyses. These reports are not on the Council's agenda and, therefore, I did not set aside time on the SSC agenda for lengthy discussion, but please review the reports and be prepared to discuss under administrative matters. Lastly, NMFS has posted an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) regarding potential revisions to the National Standard 1 Guidelines. The ANPR highlights eleven areas that NMFS may explore and the Council will consider submitting comments. Several of these eleven topics may be of particular interest to the SSC and we will discuss developing recommendations to the Council.

Highly Migratory Species Matters

We have scheduled a joint session between the SSC and the HMS advisory bodies to review current HMS matters. Agenda Items E.1 and E.2 are closely related, and although only E.2 is formally on your agenda, please review the materials for E.1 as well.

Ecosystem-Based Management Matters

At this meeting, the Council will provide guidance on further development of a Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) and an annual "state-of-the-ecosystem" report. Council deliberations on the FEP will largely center around policy decisions, but SSC comments on the draft outline for

an annual ecosystem report in particular would be greatly appreciated. In a closely related matter under Agenda Item G.1, the Council will consider further protective measures for unexploited forage species. This item is also largely a policy decision that is included for your information. Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

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Enclosures include:

Closed Session, Council, and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Closed Session Agenda Item A.1
2. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
3. Agenda Item G.1 – Consideration of Further Protection of Currently Unmanaged Forage Species
4. Agenda Item G.3 – Advance Notice for Proposed Rulemaking for National Standard 1 Guidelines
5. Agenda Item G.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
6. Collaborative Optical-Acoustic Survey Technique (COAST), Report of Methodology Review Panel Meeting (**SSC Only**)
7. Report on the Joint Session of the Groundfish and Economic Subcommittees and the Groundfish Management Team on Rebuilding Analyses (**SSC Only**)

Groundfish Management

8. Agenda Item D.1 – NMFS Report.
9. Agenda Item D.2 – Barotrauma Workshop Report and Potential Use of Recompression Catch-and-Release Survival Estimates
10. Agenda Item D.3 – Stock Assessment Planning
11. Agenda Item D.4 – Exempted Fishing Permits for 2013-2014
12. Agenda Item D.6 – Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions
13. Agenda Item D.7 – Reconsideration of Initial Catch Shares in the Mothership and Shoreside Pacific Whiting Fisheries

Highly Migratory Species Management

14. Agenda Item E.1 – Management Reference Points and Measures for 2013-2014 Fisheries
15. Agenda Item E.2 – International Management Activities and Recommendations

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

16. Agenda Item F.1 – NMFS Report
17. Agenda Item F.2 – Pacific Mackerel Management for 2012-2013

Ecosystem-Based Management

18. Agenda Item H.1 – Council Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Development

Enforcement Issues

19. Agenda Item I.1 – Annual NMFS Enforcement Report

SSC Agenda, Draft SSC Minutes, Informational Reports, etc.

20. June 2012 SSC Agenda
21. Draft April 2012 SSC Minutes
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