



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Dan Wolford, Chairman
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 29, 2012
TO: Enforcement Consultants
FROM: Jim Seger, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: September 2012 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet September 14 through September 18, 2012 at The Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet on **Thursday, September 13** starting at **6 p.m.** and continue through **Tuesday, September 18**, as needed. Enclosed are materials for items on the EC Agenda and additional items that might be of interest to you.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Proposed November Council Meeting Agenda
 2. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
 3. Agenda Item B.1 Current Enforcement Issues
Salmon Management
 4. Agenda Item E.4 FMP Amendment 18 – Update of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Salmon
Pacific Halibut Management
 5. Agenda Item F.2 2013 Pacific Halibut Regulations
Groundfish Management
 6. Agenda Item H.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 7. Agenda Item H.4 Update on Biological Opinion for the Groundfish Fishery, Including Consideration of Seabird Protection Regulations
 8. Agenda Item H.5 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
Administrative Matters
 9. Agenda Item G.5 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
 10. Agenda Item G.6 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2012

TO: Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee

FROM: Kerry Griffin

SUBJECT: September Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet September 13-18, 2012, at the Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID 83714. The Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee (EFHRC) will be meeting on September 16-17, in the North Star Room. The Council is scheduled to consider issues relevant to the EFHRC on Monday, September 17.

The EFHRC will be considering the Phase 1 EFH review report, the revised request for proposals (RFP), and a proposal by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to synthesize new information on groundfish EFH. The EFHRC will develop a supplemental report on each of those three topics, with recommendations to the Council.

The Council action at this meeting is to consider the Phase 1 report, the revised draft RFP, and the NMFS synthesis outline. Because the Council previously (in April 2012) requested that the draft RFP should be issued for public review, and because the NMFS synthesis effort will likely take several months, it is likely that the RFP will not be issued at this meeting.

Enclosed are September agenda materials that might be of interest to you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your dedicated efforts 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.1 – Current Habitat Issues
3. Agenda Item G.3 – Council Minutes
4. Agenda Item G.5 – Membership Appointments and COPs
5. Agenda Item G.6 – Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
6. Agenda Item H.1 – NMFS Report

7. Agenda Item H.6 – Phase 1 EFH Review
8. Agenda Item I.1 – Open Comment
9. EFHRC Agenda
10. GAP Agenda
11. GMT Agenda
12. HC Agenda
13. SSC Agenda
14. Informational Report 2 – Forage Fish: Call for Papers
15. Hotel Information



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2012

TO: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Management Team

FROM: Ms. Kelly Ames, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 14-18, 2012 at the Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, Idaho. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2012 and the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 15, 2012.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest including:

- Enforcement Issues;
- Habitat;
- Pacific Halibut matters including management south of Humberg Mountain, proposed regulations for 2013, and bycatch estimates for use by the International Pacific Halibut Commission;
- Research planning;
- Reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service on regulatory, science, and research activities;
- Trawl rationalization trailing actions for cost recovery and process issues;
- Stock assessment planning;
- Update on the biological opinion for the groundfish fishery, including consideration of seabird protection regulations;
- Considerations for inseason adjustments to 2012 groundfish fisheries;
- Phase 1 report for the essential fish habitat review;
- Reconsideration of initial catch share allocations in the mothership and shoreside Pacific whiting fisheries;
- The Morro Bay Commercial Fisheries Economic Impact Report under Open Public Comment;
- Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures; and
- Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning.

This mailing includes the enclosures listed below. Please review these briefing materials in advance to facilitate an efficient meeting week.

Thank you for your commitment to the Council process and management of Pacific groundfish fisheries.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B – Enforcement Issues
3. Agenda Item D – Habitat
4. Agenda Item F – Pacific Halibut Management
5. Agenda Item G.2 – Research Planning
6. Agenda Item G.5 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
7. Agenda Item G.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
8. Agenda Item H – Groundfish Management
9. Agenda Item I – Open Comment Period
10. SSC Agenda and Minutes
11. SSC Economic Subcommittee Agenda
12. GMT Agenda
13. GAP Agenda
14. Hotel-related Information
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2012

TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, and Model Evaluation Workgroup

FROM: Chuck Tracy, Staff Officer for Salmon and Pacific Halibut

SUBJECT: September Council Meeting

In conjunction with the September Council meeting, the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) and the Salmon Technical Team (STT) will meet beginning on Thursday, September 13, 2012 in the Riverside Hotel, Boise Idaho. The STT meeting will be held in the Delamar room and the SAS meeting will be held in the North Star room. The Model Evaluation Workgroup will not be meeting at the Boise Council meeting, but briefing materials are available for you to keep apprised of Council salmon-related issues.

The salmon-related issues before the Council include an overview of the California hatchery review, final topic selection for the methodology review, minor revisions of the Salmon Fishery Management Plan (Amendment 17), adopting a range of alternatives for salmon essential fish habitat revisions (Amendment 18), and comments on the lower Columbia River recovery plan. Other issues of interest include Pacific halibut management south of Humbug Mt., proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific halibut catch sharing plan, updating the 5-year research plan, membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures, and future Council meeting agenda and workload planning.

The Habitat Committee is meeting Thursday. Tom Welsh will provide a summary of that meeting to the SAS on Friday.

Please take time to review your briefing materials thoroughly before the meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in the Council's salmon management process.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4: Council Agenda
2. Agenda Items E.1-E.5: Salmon Management
3. Agenda Items F.1-F.2: Pacific Halibut
4. Agenda Item D.1: Habitat Issues
5. Agenda Item G.2, G.5, and G.6: Administrative Matters
6. Informational Reports 1 and 2
7. Proposed SAS Agenda
8. Proposed STT Agenda
9. Proposed HC Agenda
10. Proposed SSC Agenda
11. Proposed GAP Agenda
12. Hotel-related Information



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2012
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: Mike Burner
SUBJECT: September 2012 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet September 13-18, 2012 at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Thursday, September 13 and Friday, September 14. Your meeting materials are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the SSC agenda. Additionally, the Economic Subcommittee will meet September 15 to review recreational groundfish fishery impact models for California and Washington.

Administrative Matters

We will have two appointments to review in September. The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) has nominated Ms. Chelsea Protasio to replace Ms. Brianna Brady in a CDFG position on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team and CDFG has nominated Mr. Robert Leos to replace Ms. Joanna Grebel in a CDFG position on the Groundfish Management Team (GMT).

This fall, the Council will solicit advisory body nominations for the 2013-2015 term, including the seven at-large seats on the SSC (Botsford, Garza, Gertseva, Heppell, Huppert, Lee, and Punt). Nominations for these seats will be solicited after the September Council meeting and appointments will be considered at the November Council meeting. This nomination period is also an opportunity to initiate Council and SSC consideration of any related changes in SSC procedures and composition.

Groundfish Management Matters

At this meeting, the Council will be making final plans for the next cycle of groundfish assessments. There are several moving parts to this item including the final list of species to be assessed, adoption of final terms of reference, as well as methodology reviews. Members of the GMT will likely attend some of all of the session, perhaps with a focus on rebuilding requirements and analyses. Two rapporteurs have been assigned to this item, due to the number of issues being addressed.

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.2 – Research Planning
4. Agenda Item G.5 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
5. Agenda Item G.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
6. California Recreational Groundfish Model for 2013-2014 (**SSC Only**)
7. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Recreational Impact Projection Methods (**SSC Only**)
8. Consultant's Report: Preliminary Review of Washington's Ocean Sampling Program (OSP) (**SSC Only**)

Salmon Management

9. Agenda Item E.2 – 2012 Salmon Methodology Review.
10. Agenda Item E.4 – Fishery Management Plan Amendment 18 – Update of Essential Fish Habitat for Salmon

Pacific Halibut Management

11. Agenda Item F.3 – Pacific Halibut Bycatch Estimate for Use in the 2013 Groundfish Fisheries

Groundfish Management

12. Agenda Item H.1 – NMFS Report
13. Agenda Item H.3 – Stock Assessment Planning
14. Agenda Item H.6 – Phase I Report for Essential Fish Habitat Review
15. Agenda Item H.7 – Reconsideration of Initial Catch Share Allocations in the Mothership and Shoreside Pacific Whiting Fisheries

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

16. September 2012 SSC Agenda
17. September 2012 SSC Economic Subcommittee Agenda
18. Draft June 2012 SSC Minutes
19. Informational Reports
20. Hotel Related Information
21. Roster

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