

PROPOSED AGENDA
Budget Committee

Pacific Fishery Management Council
Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa
Huntington Beach 1-2 Room
3050 Bristol Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Phone: 714-540-7000
November 2, 2012

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012 – 3:00 PM

A. *Call to Order and Approval of Agenda* Dave Ortmann, Chair

B. *Executive Director's Budget Report* Donald McIsaac

1. Current Status of CY 2012 Operational Budget and Expenditures through September (Attachment 1)
2. Potential Funding and Provisional CY 2013 Budget (Supplemental Presentation)

C. *Additional Matters* Dave Ortmann, Chair

D. *Budget Committee Actions and Recommendations* Dave Ortmann, Chair

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PROPOSED AGENDA
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel
Pacific Fishery Management Council
Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa
Emerald Bay 2
3050 Bristol Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
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November 2-3, 2012

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012 – 8:00 AM

- A. Call to Order** Bob Emmett
(0.5 hours) Mike Okoniewski
1. Introductions
2. Approve agenda
3. Assign rapporteurs
- B. Harvest Parameters Workshop** Bob Emmett
(8:30 a.m., 1 hour); discussion and F.4 report
- C. EFP Process (Council Operating Procedure 23)** Kerry Griffin
(9:30 a.m., 0.5 hours); discussion and G.2 report
- BREAK
- D. NMFS Report** Josh Lindsay
(10:30 a.m., 0.5 hours)
- E. Future Agenda Planning/Harvest Parameters Workshop (with SSC)** All
(11:00 a.m., 0.5 hours, **Balboa Bay 2**)
- F. EFP Process (with SSC)** All
(11:30 a.m., 0.5 hours)

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G. Pacific sardine Management for 2013 (with SSC) Kevin Hill
(1:00 p.m., 2 hours); discussion and G.3 report

BREAK

H. Report Writing and Discussion (Emerald Bay 2) All
(3:30 p.m., 1.5 hours)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 – 8:00 A.M.

I. Review Draft Reports All
(8:00 a.m., 1 hour)

J. Pacific Mackerel Assessment - Future Plans (with CPSMT, Laguna Beach 2) All
(9:00 a.m., 0.5 hours); discussion and F.4 report

K. Trinational Sardine Forum (with CPSMT) Bob Emmett
(9:30 a.m., 0.5 hours); discussion

BREAK

L. Discuss and Finalize Reports All
(10:30 a.m., 1.5 hours)

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O. Ecosystem Based Management Mike Burner
(1:00 p.m.; 1 hour); discussion and report

P. Future Meeting Planning All
(2:00 p.m., 1 hour); discussion

Q. Public Comment
(3:00 p.m., 1 hour)

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K. Election for Vice Chair All
(10:30 a.m., 1 hour); discussion and F.3 report

LUNCH

M. Future Meeting Planning All
(1:00 p.m., 1 hour)

O. Ecosystem Based Management Mike Burner
(2:00 p.m., 1 hour); discussion

P. Public Comment
(3:00 p.m., 1 hour)

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Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel

Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Phone: 714-540-7000
November 4-5, 2012

Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) meetings are open to the public and public comments will be accepted as time allows at the discretion of the EAS. Please note that this proposed schedule is subject to change at the onset and during the EAS meeting. Coordination with other advisory bodies, the availability of presenters, and the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) schedule may warrant adjustments.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012 – 8 A.M.

A. *Call to Order and Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) Administrative Matters*

1. Introductions
2. Update on Council and Advisory Body Activity Mike Burner
3. Approve Agenda
4. Open Discussion
(8 a.m.) *No Report to Council*

BREAK

A. *Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) Administrative Matters, continued*

5. Election of Officers
6. Research and Data Needs
7. Future Workload and Meeting Planning

LUNCH

K. *Council Administrative Matters, continued*

2. Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report
(1 p.m.) *Report to Council – Tuesday* Brian Wells
3. California Current Ecosystem Report
(2 p.m.) *Report to Council – Tuesday* John Field

A. *EAS Administrative Matters, continued*

8. Report Development and Review

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 – 8 A.M.

A. EAS Administrative Matters, continued

9. Report Review

K. Ecosystem Based Management

1. Council Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Development
(9 a.m.) *Report to Council on Tuesday*

Yvonne deReynier

- *Review of Draft FEP*
- *Discuss Review and Revision Process for the Federal List of Fisheries and Gears*

LUNCH

K. Ecosystem-Based Management, continued

1. Council Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Development
(1 p.m.)

- *Develop EAS Recommendations on FEP*
- *Develop EAS Priorities for Next Steps*

BREAK

A. EAS Administrative Matters, continued

10. Finalize EAS Reports

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PROPOSED AGENDA
Enforcement Consultants

Pacific Fishery Management Council
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November 3-7, 2012

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 – 4:30 PM

A. Call to Order

Dave Anderson, Chair

1. Introductions
2. Review and Adopt Agenda

B. Council Agenda Items for Possible Comment

There may or may not be enforcement issues associated with all of the following items. Items on the Council Agenda, but not listed here, may also be considered during the Enforcement Consultants (EC) meeting.

Pacific Halibut Management

1. E.1 2013 Pacific Halibut Regulations

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

2. G.3 Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and Management for 2013, Including Preliminary EFP Proposals and Tribal Set-Aside

Enforcement Issues

3. H.1 Current Enforcement Issues

Groundfish Management

4. I.3 Progress Report on Using Descending Devices to Mitigate Barotrauma in Recreational Fisheries
5. I.4 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
6. I.5 Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions and Updates

Highly Migratory Species Management

7. J.1 Council Recommendations on International Highly Migratory Species Management

Administrative Matters

8. F.4 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

C. Other Topics

1. Enforcement Presentations at Future Council Meetings
2. Items for Enforcement Corner of the Council Newsletter
3. Other

D. Public Comment

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012 through WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012

Meeting continues as necessary.

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Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

Pacific Fishery Management Council
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 – 8 AM

GAP Administrative Matters

1. Roll Call, Introductions, Announcements, etc. Tommy Ancona, Chair
2. Opening Remarks and Agenda Overview Kelly Ames
3. Approve Agenda

E. Pacific Halibut

1. 2013 Pacific Halibut Regulations Lynn Mattes, Heather Reed, Marci Yaremko
(8:30 a.m.; Report to the Council on Saturday)

I. Groundfish Management

2. Amendment 24 (Improvements to the Groundfish Management Process) Kit Dahl
(9:30 a.m.; Report to the Council on Monday)
3. Progress Report on Using Descending Devices to Mitigate Barotrauma in Recreational Fisheries John Budrick
(2 p.m.; Report to the Council on Monday)

H. Enforcement

1. Current Enforcement Issues Martina Sagapolu and Bill Giles
(3 p.m.; Report to the Council on Sunday)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012 – 8 AM

GAP Administrative Matters (continued)

4. Draft and Review Statements
(8 a.m.)

K. Ecosystem Based Management

1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) John Field, Mike Burner
(8:30 a.m.; Report to the Council on Tuesday)
2. Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report Phil Levin
(9:30 a.m.; Report to the Council on Tuesday)
3. California Current Ecosystem Report John Field
(10:30 a.m.; Report to the Council on Tuesday)

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

4. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
(11:30 a.m.; Joint Session with the GMT, Report to the Council on Tuesday)
5. Trawl Trailing Actions and Updates Jim Seger
(1 p.m.; Report to the Council on Tuesday)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 – 8 AM

GAP Administrative Matters (continued)

5. Draft and Review Statements
(8 a.m.)
6. Pre-Assessment Meeting Planning
(8:30 a.m., *No Report to the Council*)

Jim Hastie

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 – 8 AM

GAP Administrative Matters (continued)

6. Draft and Review Statements
(8 a.m.)

F. Administrative

4. Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
(9 a.m., *Report to the Council on Wednesday*)

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Groundfish Management Team

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 – 8 AM

GMT Administrative Matters

1. Roll Call, Introductions, Announcements, etc. Corey Niles, Chair
2. Opening Remarks and Agenda Overview
3. Approve Agenda

E. Pacific Halibut

1. 2013 Pacific Halibut Regulations Lynn Mattes, Heather Reed, Marci Yaremko
(8:15 a.m.; Report to the Council on Saturday)

I. Groundfish Management

4. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
(8:30 a.m.; Report to the Council on Tuesday)
2. Amendment 24 (Improvements to the Groundfish Management Process)
(9 a.m.; Report to the Council on Monday) Corey Niles, Lynn Mattes, Kit Dahl
3. Progress Report on Using Descending Devices to Mitigate Barotrauma in Recreational Fisheries
John Budrick
(1 p.m.; Report to the Council on Monday)

K. Ecosystem Based Management

2. Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report
(2 p.m.; Joint Session with the SSC, Report to the Council on Tuesday)
3. California Current Ecosystem Report
(3 p.m.; Joint Session with the SSC, Report to the Council on Tuesday)

H. Enforcement

1. Current Enforcement Issues
(4 p.m.; Report to the Council on Sunday) Martina Sagapolu and Bill Giles

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012 – 8 AM

GMT Administrative Matters (continued)

4. Draft and Review Statements
(8 a.m.)

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

4. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
(11:30 a.m.; Joint Session with the GAP, Report to the Council on Tuesday)

K. Ecosystem Based Management (continued)

1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP)
(1 p.m.; Report to the Council on Tuesday) Corey Niles

I. Groundfish Management (continued)

5. Trawl Trailing Actions and Updates
(4 p.m.; Report to the Council on Tuesday) Jim Seger

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 – 8 AM

GMT Administrative Matters (continued)

5. Draft and Review Statements
(8 a.m.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 – 8 AM

GMT Administrative Matters (continued)

6. Draft and Review Statements
(8 a.m.)

F. Administrative

4. Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
(9 a.m.; Report to the Council on Wednesday)

GMT Administrative Matters (continued)

7. Stock Complex Restructuring
(10 a.m.; No Report to the Council)

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PROPOSED AGENDA
Habitat Committee

Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel
Balboa Bay 1
3040 Bristol St.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
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November 2, 2012

Process notes: Numbering reflects the Council agenda. Starred items appear on the Council agenda. Joel Kawahara will be Chair for this meeting, and Fran Recht will be timekeeper. Presenters, please write background for reports prior to the meeting. If your item is an informational update, please circulate it prior to the meeting. Note-takers should take notes primarily on committee discussion (not background).*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012 – 8:30 AM

A. Call to Order and Habitat Committee (HC) Administrative Matters **Joel Kawahara**

1. Introductions and Approval of Agenda

D. Habitat Matters (8:45 a.m.)

1. Habitat Blueprint Process Update

Eric Chavez

Notes: Correigh Greene

2. Review Research and Data Needs document (9:15 a.m.)

Arlene Merems

Notes: Vicki Frey

BREAK (10:00-10:15 a.m.)

3. Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership

Correigh Greene

Notes: Lisa Wooninck

4. Columbia River process update (placeholder) (10:45 a.m.)

Liz Hamilton

Notes: Fran Recht

A. HC Administrative Matters (11:15 a.m.)

2. Work on Habitat Report

All

LUNCH (12:00-1:30 p.m.)

K. Ecosystem Matters

1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan*

Mike Burner and Lisa Wooninck

Notes: Fran Recht

2. Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report* (3:00 p.m.)

Phil Levin and Brian Wells

Notes: David Price

K. Ecosystem Matters (4:00 p.m.)

3. California Current Ecosystem Report*

Mike Burner
Notes: Eric Chavez

PUBLIC COMMENT (4:00-4:15 p.m.)

A. Administrative Matters

3. Other Urgent Issues for Council Attention
4. March HC Agenda
5. Comments/Questions on HC Structure/Function (if any)
6. Finalize Reports (K.1, K.2, Habitat Report)

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All

If time allows:

F. Council Administrative Matters

4. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

All

H. Enforcement Issues

1. Current Enforcement Issues (Enforcement Priorities)

All

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PROPOSED AGENDA
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel

Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel
Emerald Bay 2
3050 Bristol Street
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This meeting is open to the public and public comments will be accepted at the discretion of the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) Chair. Agenda times are approximate and are subject to change.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012 – 8:00 A.M.

A. Call to Order

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda

B. Proposal Development, Modification of the Pacific Leatherback Conservation Area

Delegated HMS Management Team members will meet with the HMSAS to discuss their work on a proposal for modifications to the Pacific Leatherback Conservation Area. The Council is scheduled to take this up at their March 2013 meeting.

A. Update on U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Negotiations

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| 1. Status of Treaty Negotiations | Mark Helvey |
| 2. Data Working Group Meeting | Suzy Kohin |
| 3. Economic Working Group Meeting | Steve Stohs |

B. Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Conservation Measures and Council Recommendations

1. Yellowfin, Bigeye, and Skipjack Tunas (CMM 2011-01, CMM 2008-01)
2. North Pacific Striped Marlin (CMM 2010-01)
3. North Pacific Bluefin Tuna (CMM 2010-04)
4. North Pacific Albacore
5. Other Stocks, as appropriate

C. Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Measures and Council Recommendations

1. FAD Management/Gear Marking
2. Catch Documentation Scheme
3. Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMM 2011-06)
4. Port State Measures
5. Others (ROP, VMS, etc.)

D. Joint HMSMT / HMSAS Briefing on Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (Emerald Bay 2) Cyreis Schmitt, Mike Burner, Phil Levin

E. Review and Finalize Reports

F. Other Informational Items

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Highly Migratory Species Management Team

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A. Call to Order

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda

B. Proposal Development, Modification of the Pacific Leatherback Conservation Area (PLCA)

1. Review of Council assignment Kirt Hughes
2. Statement of proposed action (including type of action, exempted fishing permits, Fishery Management Plan amendment, or regulatory amendment) Kit Dahl
3. Scoping of alternatives for PLCA time/area modifications Kit Dahl/Steve Stohs

C. Federal ESA Actions on Sea Turtles and Relevance to California Drift Gillnet (DGN) fishery **Dan Lawson/Liz Petras/Tina Fahy**

1. Update on the development of the biological opinion for the DGN fishery
2. Review of Hawaii longline fishery actions modifying annual sea turtle interaction limits (see 77 FR 60637, October 4, 2012) and the methodology used to develop a biological opinion and incidental take statement for Hawaii longline fishery
3. Implications of and potential methods to apply sea turtle interaction limits (take caps) as impact mitigation for the DGN fishery

D. Leatherback Sea Turtle Population Status and Fishery Interactions

Suzy Kohin/PRD Staff

1. Status of Western and Central Pacific Ocean Leatherback sea turtle population
2. Alternative incidental take methodology based on potential biological removal (PBR) concept
3. Modeling spatio-temporal variations in potential fishery interactions with sea turtles

E. DGN Fishery Information

1. Trends in participation including number of active/latent permits, fishing effort, and catch in the DGN fishery CDFG Staff
2. Current observer coverage and costs in the DGN fishery and observer requirements associated with the proposal Lyle Enriquez

F. Schedule Future HMSMT Meeting to Further Develop PLCA Proposal

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Note: Delegated HMSMT members will meet with the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel to discuss results of proposal development for PLCA modifications.

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1. Fish aggregating device management/gear marking
2. Catch documentation scheme
3. Compliance monitoring scheme (CMM 2011-06)
4. Port state measures
5. Others (Regional Observer Program, vessel monitoring system, etc.)

J. Joint HMSMT / HMSAS Briefing on Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (Emerald Bay 2) Cyreis Schmitt, Mike Burner, Phil Levin

K. Review and Finalize Reports

L. Other Informational Items

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PROPOSED AGENDA
Pacific Whiting Carryover Workshop

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November 2, 2012

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012 – 8 AM

A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call, Introductions, Announcements, etc. Kelly Ames
2. Goals and Objectives of this Meeting
3. Agenda Overview
4. Approve Agenda

B. Overview

1. Treaty Process and Timelines Kevin Duffy
2. Council Role Kelly Ames

C. Carryover Implementation

1. Review Carryover Approaches Kelly Ames, Jamie Goen
(See Agenda Item I.5.a, Attachment 8)
2. Develop New Approaches, If Applicable

D. Solicitation of Individual Input

1. Solicitation of Individual Input for Council Consideration
(Report to the Council Tuesday, Agenda Item I.5)

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PROPOSED AGENDA
Scientific and Statistical Committee

Pacific Fishery Management Council
Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel
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November 2-3, 2012

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meetings are open to the public, and public comments will be accepted during the scheduled public comment period. Public comment at times other than the established public comment period will be taken at the discretion of the SSC chair.

Committee member work assignments are noted in parentheses at the end of each agenda item. The first name listed is the discussion leader and the second, the rapporteur. A suggestion for the amount of time each agenda item should take is provided. At the time the agenda is approved, priorities can be set and these times revised. Discussion leaders should determine whether more or less time is required and request the agenda be amended.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012 – 8 AM

A. *Call to Order and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Administrative Matters*

1. Introductions
2. Report of the Executive Director Dr. Donald McIsaac
3. Approve Agenda and September 2012 Minutes
4. Subcommittee Assignments - Current assignments are listed at the end of this agenda.
5. Open Discussion and Future Meeting Planning
(8 a.m., 1.5 hours) *No Report to Council*

F. *Council Administrative Matters*

3. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures (SSC Closed Session)
(9:30 a.m., 1.5 hours) *Report to Council – Council Closed Session, Saturday*
4. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
Consider recommending a Pacific sardine Management Strategy Evaluation André Punt
(11 a.m., 0.5 hours, **Huppert, Conser**) *Report to Council – Wednesday*

G. *Coastal Pelagic Species Management*

2. Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Process
Review EFP process changes (Council Operating Procedure 23) Kerry Griffin
(11:30 a.m., 0.5 hours, **Punt, Huppert**) *Report to Council – Sunday*

LUNCH

G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management, continued

3. Pacific Sardine Assessment and Management for 2013, Including Preliminary EFP Proposals and Tribal Set-Aside

Consider recommending the West Coast Vancouver Island survey for use in future stock assessments

André Punt

Consider recommending the Pacific sardine stock assessment

Kevin Hill

Recommend a 2013 OFL and ABC for Pacific sardine

Review any preliminary proposal or notice of intent for EFPs in 2013

(1 p.m., 2 hours, **Conser, Garza**) *Report to Council – Sunday*

C. Salmon Management

3. 2012 Salmon Methodology Review

Final methodology changes for 2013

(3 p.m., 1 hour, **Petrosky, Lawson**) *Report to Council – Saturday*

I. Groundfish Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report

Timing for implementing recommended discard mortality rates for longnose skate and spiny dogfish

John DeVore

(4 p.m., 0.5 hours, **Tsou, Gertseva**) *Report to Council – Sunday*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

4:00 p.m. (or immediately following Agenda Item I.1)

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

A. SSC Administrative Matters, Continued

6. Review Statements

(4:30 p.m. or following public comment period)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012

A. SSC Administrative Matters, continued

7. Review Statements
(8 a.m., 1 hour)

8. Review terms of reference for data-moderate stock assessments
and review process John DeVore
(9 a.m., 0.5 hours, **Gertseva, Dorn**) *No Report to Council – provide guidance to staff*

I. Groundfish Management, continued

2. Amendment 24 (Improvements to the Groundfish Management Process) Kit Dahl
Adopt range of alternatives and a preliminary preferred alternative
(9:30 a.m., 1 hour, **Botford, Sampson**) *Report to Council – Monday*

3. Progress Report on Using Descending Devices to Mitigate Barotrauma
in Recreational Fisheries John Budrick
Review progress report and comment on the science informing
management options
(10:30 a.m., 1.5 hours, **Tsou, Botsford**) *Report to Council – Monday*

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K. Ecosystem Based Management

1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Mike Burner
Review and comment on draft FEP for public review version.
(1 p.m., 1 hour, **Lee, Heppell**) *Report to Council – Tuesday*

2. Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report Phil Levin
(2 p.m., 1 hour, **Heppell, Punt**) *Joint Session with the Groundfish Management Team,*
Report to Council – Tuesday

3. California Current Ecosystem Report John Field
Review and comment on the annual report and its application.
(3 p.m., 1 hour, **Conrad, Thompson**) *Joint Session with the Groundfish Management*
Team, Report to Council – Tuesday

A. SSC Administrative Matters, continued

9. Review Statements
(4 p.m.)

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SSC Subcommittee Assignments, November 2012

Salmon	Groundfish	Coastal Pelagic Species	Highly Migratory Species	Economic	Ecosystem-Based Management
Robert Conrad	Vlada Gertseva	André Punt	Ray Conser	Cindy Thomson	Loo Botsford
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September 13-14, 2012

Call to Order and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Administrative Matters

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012. Council Executive Director, Dr. Donald McIsaac briefed the SSC on priority agenda items.

Members in Attendance

Dr. Ramon Conser, National Marine Fisheries Service, La Jolla, CA (Sept. 13 only)

Mr. Robert Conrad, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Olympia, WA

Dr. Martin Dorn, National Marine Fisheries Service, Seattle, WA

Dr. Carlos Garza, National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Cruz, CA

Dr. Vladlena Gertseva, National Marine Fisheries Service, Seattle, WA

Dr. Owen Hamel, SSC Chair, National Marine Fisheries Service, Seattle, WA

Dr. Selina Heppell, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

Dr. Daniel Huppert, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Dr. Peter Lawson, National Marine Fisheries Service, Newport, OR

Dr. Todd Lee, National Marine Fisheries Service, Seattle, WA

Dr. Charles Petrosky, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise, ID

Dr. André Punt, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Dr. David Sampson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Newport, OR

Ms. Cindy Thomson, National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Cruz, CA

Members Absent

Dr. Louis Botsford, University of California, Davis, CA

Ms. Meisha Key, SSC Vice-Chair, California Department of Fish and Game, Santa Cruz, CA

Dr. Tien-Shui Tsou, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, WA

SSC Recusals for this Meeting.		
SSC Member	Issue	Reason
None		
SSC members of External Review Panels for items considered at this meeting.		
<i>SSC members of external review panels are noted below for the record. SSC members of External Review Panels may participate in SSC deliberations, but they are expected to remain neutral if the SSC is being asked to arbitrate differences between review panels and technical teams.</i>		
SSC Member	External Panel Membership	
None		

Scientific and Statistical Committee Comments to the Council

The following is a compilation of September 2012 SSC reports to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) in the order they were discussed by the SSC. (Related SSC discussion not included in written comment to the Council is provided in *italicized text*).

Council Administrative matters

G.2 Research Planning

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the current draft of the Council Research and Data Needs document (Agenda Item G.2.a, Attachment 1) and discussed its completeness and the timeline for its adoption.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is in the process of formulating a Strategic Science Plan, and the SSC discussed the relationship between the NMFS Strategic Science Plan and the Council Research and Data Needs document. While they are not formally coordinated, there is considerable overlap and the SSC recommends that the NMFS Strategic Plan be reviewed when available to identify any gaps or omissions in either document.

The SSC discussed the organization of the Council document and noted that the sections on Economics and Social Science Components and Marine Protected Areas and Essential Fish Habitat are similar to the Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management section, in that they all deal with overarching issues that apply to all four of the Fishery Management Plans. The SSC recommends that those two sections be moved to the beginning of the document, with the Ecosystem section, and that the introductory text be modified to include a statement recognizing these topics as addressing overarching issues.

The SSC also recommends some specific changes to the Council document, in several different sections. In the Emerging Issues section of the Ecosystem chapter, the SSC noted that the recommended analysis of trophic interactions requires substantial additional data which is not currently available. The SSC suggests that there be two bulleted items in this section, one recommending collection of the basic trophic interaction data and another recommending its

analysis and interpretation.

In the Groundfish chapter, the SSC noted that the mortality rate estimates used in the evaluation of halibut bycatch in the groundfish fisheries are outdated, and recommends that they be updated and expanded.

The SSC had more extensive recommendations for changes to the Salmon chapter that are summarized below.

Parentage-based (intergenerational genetic) tagging (PBT) is now in place for many California and all Idaho Chinook salmon hatchery programs and allows identification of both the stock and exact age of individual fish. This technique can provide data for cohort reconstruction, migration and straying studies, survival-rate comparisons, and other fine-scale data needs. PBT should be included where other identification methods such as genetic stock identification (GSI) are referenced (sections 4.1, 4.2.1.1, 4.4 genetics)

Section 4.2.2

High Priority Research Issues: Delete the paragraph concerning Continuous Catch Equations. This concern has effectively been addressed with the development of unbiased methods for estimating non-catch mortalities. These methods have undergone a methodology review and been approved for implementation into the coho FRAM model. Model implementation will be reviewed at the Salmon Methodology Review meeting in October.

Stock Migration and Distribution. The current paragraph should be split into two with the second paragraph entitled “Ocean Distribution of Natural Stocks.”

Section 4.5

Emerging Issues, Genetic Identification Methods. Add: Evaluation of whether PBT sampling and tag recovery programs can be practically and cost-effectively implemented to provide information for annual stock assessment needs.

The SSC endorses the Research Planning and Data Needs document, with the changes recommended above, and recommends that it go out for public and further advisory body review.

Salmon Management

E.2 2012 Salmon Methodology Review

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met with Mr. Chuck Tracy and Dr. Robert Kope to identify which of the following topics prioritized by the Council at the April meeting would be available for the 2012 Salmon Methodology Review.

1. Implementation and assessment of proposed bias-correction methods for mark-selective fisheries into the Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM). [Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW)]

2. Review of modifications to Chinook FRAM size limit algorithms implemented to allow evaluation of changes to size-limits. [MEW]
3. Review of alternative forecast methodologies for the Sacramento Fall Chinook index. [Salmon Technical Team (STT)]
4. A multi-year review and evaluation of preseason forecasts and postseason estimates for mark-selective coho fisheries both north and south of Cape Falcon. [STT]
5. Preliminary assessment of the feasibility of abundance-based management for California Coastal Chinook. [National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region]
6. A user's manual for the Visual Studio version of FRAM. [MEW]
7. Investigate Chinook FRAM's sensitivity to age composition forecasts. [MEW]
8. Evaluate the feasibility of incorporating bias-correction methods for mark-selective fisheries into Chinook FRAM. [MEW]
9. Develop recommendations on management methodologies for Sacramento River Winter Chinook that better achieve the Council's objective, particularly at low abundance. [STT]

Reports on topics 1, 2 and 4 will be available for the methodology review. The topic 4 report will be focused on impacts to Washington natural coastal coho stocks in Washington mark-selective ocean fisheries.

Two additional review topics were identified for review: a) comparison of two methods for estimating coho salmon encounters and release mortalities in the ocean mark-selective fishery [Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission]; and b) evaluation of alternative marine survival indices for the Oregon Coastal Natural (OCN) coho matrix [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife].

A report was also prepared on topic 9 and is available on the Council website. The SSC agrees with the STT that the topic 9 report would not be appropriate as a Salmon Methodology review topic at this time because the specific recommendations were not proposed for Council management in 2013.

The SSC will review reports on these topics at the November Council meeting. The SSC Salmon Subcommittee and STT will hold a joint meeting on October 10 and 11 in Portland, OR to review these issues. The SSC requires proper documentation and ample review time to make efficient use of the SSC Salmon Subcommittee's time. Materials for review should be submitted to the Council office by September 24. Agencies should be responsible for ensuring that materials submitted to the SSC are technically sound, comprehensive, clearly documented, and identified by author.

Salmon Management, continued

E.4 Amendment 18 – Update Essential Fish Habitat for Salmon

Mr. Kerry Griffin presented a detailed review of alternatives under consideration for essential fish habitat (EFH) in Amendment 18 to the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan (Agenda Item E.4.a, Attachment 1 with revised Table 1, E.4.a, Supplemental Attachment 2). Alternatives are organized under ten subject areas. The organizational structure and the alternatives were clearly laid out. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) had comments on the following specific

alternatives which are labeled as in the document:

Freshwater EFH

Chinook:

- The SSC supports adoption of Alternatives 2B, 2C, and 2D.

Coho:

- The SSC supports adoption of Alternative 3B. We recommend considering the inclusion of HUC 60002 (Pajaro River) based on historic presence of coho salmon.
- The SSC supports adoption of Alternative 3C.

Pink:

- The SSC supports adoption of Alternatives 4B and 4C.
- Adoption of Alternatives 4D and 4E should depend on data establishing that Puget Sound Pink Salmon are occupying these areas, which lie outside of Puget Sound.

Impassible barriers

- The SSC supports adoption of Alternative 5B.
- The SSC supports adoption of Alternative 5D with a change to Criterion 3. We suggest Criterion 3 should read:
 3. *Is fish passage in the construction or planning phase by a state or federal agency or facility operator?*
 - *If yes, then the dam should not be considered the upstream extent, and the habitat above the dam should be designated as EFH.*
 - *If no, then go to 4.*

Other cases, including EFH above barrier projects that are not yet in planning or construction phases, can be considered under Criterion 4.

EFH descriptions

- The SSC supports adoption of Alternative 7B.

Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs)

- The SSC supports adopting the 5 HAPCs defined in Alternatives 8B – 8F.
- The SSC highlights the particular importance of Alternative 8E: estuaries and estuary-influenced offshore areas. These are utilized by multiple species and support a variety of ecosystem functions.

Fishing activities

- The SSC supports adoption of Alternatives 9B and 9C.

Non-fishing activities

- The SSC supports adoption of Alternative 10B. Dam removal should be added to the dam construction/operation item.
- The SSC supports adoption of Alternatives 10C1 through 10C9 but we recommend removing Alternative 10C10. Individual activities that contribute to climate change are impossible to relate directly to salmon EFH. Instead we encourage research to understand the effects of climate change on salmon populations, predator/prey relationships, and habitat needs.

Information and research needs

- Several data issues constrained the designation of EFH in this document. Research on these topics should be included in the data needs. Examples include: pink salmon populations, the role of fishing activities in reducing prey availability, and ocean habitat associations.
- Climate change impacts on salmon habitat should be included as a research topic.

Pacific Halibut Management

F.3 Pacific Halibut Bycatch Estimate for Use in 2013 Groundfish Fisheries

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the Pacific halibut bycatch report submitted by the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. Dr. Jason Jannot of the NWFSC West Coast Groundfish Observer Program presented the results of the analysis.

There were changes in both data and methodology used for the 2011 estimates of halibut bycatch. Observer data from all fishing sectors were included in the analysis. Data from the new individual fishing quota (IFQ) trawl fishery and at-sea hake fishery were based on nearly every trawl because of the 100 percent observer coverage, negating the need for sector-wide extrapolations that were done in previous years. The species correlation variable used in analyses through 2010 was removed from the 2011 analysis.

The estimate of total halibut discard mortality in the IFQ fisheries is much lower than estimates from limited entry bottom trawl fisheries in previous years. Recent changes in fishing gears and behavior are likely contributing to this reduction. However, some of the reduction could be due to changes in the analysis methodology or reductions in overall fishing effort. The SSC requests a table to compare discard rates for 2010 and 2011 using the strata from the 2010 analysis. The SSC suggests applying the analysis and extrapolation procedures used in previous years to random subsets of the 2011 data to evaluate the potential for methodology-dependent changes in the discard mortality estimate.

Halibut viability estimates used in the mortality rate calculations are based on very old studies and new research is needed to update the rates for different gear types. The SSC also notes that high variability in the very small discards estimated for non-trawl sectors, which do not have 100 percent observer coverage, is likely due to sampling error.

The SSC supports the use of this report and bycatch estimates for 2013 management. However, the SSC notes that the final report arrived too late for full review, and inferring the cause of the drop in halibut bycatch requires further analysis.

Groundfish Management

H.3 Stock Assessment Planning

Methodology Review Recommendations

Collaborative Optical-Acoustic Survey Technique

The review of this technique concluded that the resulting estimates of abundance should not be used in Council stock assessments at this time, and provided several recommendations which should help to address the current concerns with the technique. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) endorsed the recommendations and conclusions of the Review Panel.

Data-Moderate Species Assessment Methods

Dr. Martin Dorn summarized the report of the Data-Moderate Panel. The Panel provided recommendations related to application of the catch data-only methods, Depletion-Corrected Annual Catch (DCAC), Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis (DB-SRA) and Simple Stock Synthesis (SSS). In particular, the Panel recommended that the input probability distribution for depletion should take account of the score from the Productivity-Susceptibility Analyses, as this improved the ability of catch-only methods to replicate the results of Tier 1 assessments. The Panel also evaluated two data-moderate methods, Extended DB-SRA and Extended SSS, which use index data, and recommended that they be accepted for use in Council stock assessments. The Panel also outlined a process for reviewing the results of assessments conducted using data-moderate methods.

The SSC endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Panel regarding the modifications to the catch-only methods and the acceptability of the two data-moderate methods for use in Council stock assessments. It also agreed with the Panel that the first review of assessments based on data-moderate methods should be conducted by a full Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel, but that subsequently such reviews could be conducted by the SSC or its groundfish subcommittee.

The SSC noted that the data-moderate methods fill an important gap in the set of methods available to the Council, but their utility still needs to be fully understood. Specifically, both catch-only and data-moderate methods provide sustainable catch estimates which could be used to recommend over fishing limits (OFLs). However, data-moderate methods also provide estimates of spawning biomass relative to B_0 , B_{MSY} and the overfished threshold. The Panel recommended that data-moderate assessments should not be used for status determination, but rather to identify whether there is potential concern with stock status, and to prioritize stocks for a full assessment at the earliest opportunity, at which time all available information should be considered. The SSC agreed that stock status estimates from data-moderate assessments should not automatically be accepted for use in status determinations. The SSC recommended that the Council develop a formal process for how to use the estimates of stock status from data-moderate assessments in management. As part of this process, assessment authors should be asked to summarize what other information is available, including the amount of age and length composition data (and number of unaged structures) from survey and fishery catches, when the results of data-moderate assessments are of concern. The SSC will use this information to comment on the value of conducting a full assessment.

Stock Assessment Planning

The SSC discussed the list of species to be assessed in 2013. Dr James Hastie presented the NMFS report on groundfish stock assessment planning for 2013 (Agenda Item H.3.b, NMFS Report).

The list of species for full assessments to be conducted in 2013 was previously discussed at the June Council meeting, where seven species were identified. NMFS developed the STAR Panel schedule to accommodate review of these seven species (Fig. 1). The STAR Panel schedule has space for one additional species to be fully assessed and reviewed. The SSC discussion focused

on yellowtail and rougheye rockfish as candidates for the eighth species for full assessment. Rougheye rockfish has never been assessed, and it has the highest vulnerability score of all Groundfish Fishery Management Plan species. Yellowtail rockfish was most recently assessed in 2005 (as an update assessment). It has been harvested at a modest percentage of its annual catch limit (ACL) over the past decade. However, the prospect of increased targeting of widow rockfish may result in greater harvest of yellowtail.

The SSC agreed that it would be beneficial to assess both of these species. Regardless of which species the Council selects for full assessment, the other one should be assessed using data-moderate assessment methods. The SSC emphasizes that the full STAR process is better structured to deal with a stock for which status is of concern.

At the June meeting, the SSC and the Council also discussed whether an update assessment should be conducted for sablefish. NMFS conducted an additional analysis of sablefish to provide more information with which to evaluate the need for a sablefish update assessment in 2013. The 2011 assessment model was updated with 2011 catch data, along with biomass and length composition data from the 2011 trawl survey. The new results are consistent with the 2011 assessment, with depletion ratio being slightly higher than that from the 2011 model (32.4 percent versus 31.8 percent, respectively), suggesting that an update assessment of sablefish in 2013 would result in little change in model output. The SSC supports the NMFS recommendation not to conduct an update assessment for sablefish in 2013. The SSC requested that NMFS provide OFL and ACL estimates for 2015 and 2016 generated by the sablefish analysis. Those estimates were found to be very close to those produced by the 2011 assessment, which further supports NMFS recommendation to not conduct a sablefish update assessment in 2013.

The SSC also discussed the list of potential species for data-moderate assessments. NMFS presented a list of 15 species, including some that have previously been assessed (such as English sole and Arrowtooth flounder). At this point, there is significant uncertainty associated with how many data-moderate assessments can be conducted by NMFS, and how many can be thoroughly reviewed during a week-long STAR Panel. The SSC suggests capping the number of data-moderate assessments at 10, with some assessments being based on survey abundance indexes and some utilizing recreation fishery CPUEs. It may not be possible to conduct 10 data-moderate assessments because of data- and workload-related issues.

The SSC supports the NMFS recommendation to have methods used to develop indices of abundance (to be utilized in the data-moderate assessments) reviewed by the SSC Groundfish subcommittee prior to the data-moderate assessments STAR Panel; this would make STAR Panel review more efficient.

Review Meeting	Timing	Tentative Location	Species	
Hake Review (Treaty)	Late Feb.	Canada	Pacific Hake	
Data-Moderate Panel	4/29-5-3	Santa Cruz or Seattle	Number and Names To Be Determined	
Full Panel 1	5/13-5/17	Seattle	Petrable sole	Darkblotched or Yellowtail
June Council Meeting	6/18-6/25	Orange County	Petrable sole & Darkblotched/or/ Yellowtail STAR reports; Bocaccio update POP, Canary, & yelloweye data reports	
Full Panel 2	7/8-7/12	Seattle	Rougheye rockfish or Darkblotched	Aurora rockfish
Full Panel 3	7/22-7/26	Seattle	Shortspine thornyhead	Longspine thornyhead
Full Panel 4	8/5-8/9	Santa Cruz	Cowcod	Pacific sanddabs
Sept. Council Meeting	9/10-9/17	Boise	STAR reports for: shortspine and longspine, rougheye/or/darkblotched, and aurora rockfishes, cowcod, and Pacific sanddab	
Mop-up / Rebuilding	9/23-9/27	Seattle	Rebuilding analyses and continuing issues, as determined to be necessary	

Table 1. STAR Panel schedule for 2013 full and data-moderate stock assessments proposed by NMFS.

Approve Terms of Reference (TOR)

TOR for Stock Assessments

The SSC recommends the adoption of the STAR TOR (Agenda Item H.3.a) with an inclusion of a note that PacFIN should be treated in stock assessments as a standard source of commercial landings. This edit was suggested by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT).

TOR for Methodology Reviews

The SSC noted that the TOR require that revised versions of the documents reviewed by Methodology Panels be provided to the Council Advisory Bodies. However, this does not always occur. For example, no revised COAST documents were available at this meeting. The SSC requests that the TOR be updated to request that Panel chairs (1) identify which documents should be provided to the Council meeting at which the Panel report is to be reviewed by the SSC, and (2) ensure that this takes place.

TOR for Rebuilding Analysis

The SSC reviewed the GMT comments on the rebuilding TOR and on issues related to the evaluation of rebuilding plans. The SSC welcomed the GMT comments, which continue the discussion regarding the evaluation of rebuilding plans which was initiated during a meeting following the April 2012 SSC meeting. The SSC recommended that these discussions continue during further joint meetings. A key aspect for discussion is the development of an operational definition of “adequate progress of rebuilding”. The SSC has a process for evaluating such progress, but it is not currently based on documented quantitative measures. Developing such measures may require additional analyses.

The SSC recommended the following additions to the TOR:

- the time series of cumulative catches should be reported (Item 7f in Section 5).
- scenarios should include cases in which the released catch is not equal to the annual catch limit (implementation error) (Section 2.5). Analysts should develop scenarios regarding implementation error with the GMT.

The ability of the GMT to interpret the results from rebuilding analyses will be greater if the output files from the rebuilding program (Puntalyzer) are available. The SSC therefore recommends that all input and output files be housed both at the Science Centers and at the Council office.

Groundfish Management, continued

H.7 Reconsideration of Initial Catch Shares in the Mothership and Shoreside Pacific Whiting Fisheries

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met with Mr. Jim Seger to discuss the September 2012 version of the Draft Environmental Assessment of Pacific Whiting initial catch shares in the mothership and shoreside Pacific whiting fisheries. The SSC finds the additional information and analyses presented to be a useful addition to those presented in the June version of the report. The SSC has no additional substantive comments beyond those we submitted in June, hence we insert our comments from the June SSC meeting below.

June 2012 SSC Report (June 2012 Agenda Item, D.7.b, Supplemental SSC Report)

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met with Mr. Jim Seger to discuss the reconsideration of initial catch shares in the mothership and shoreside Pacific whiting fisheries. Although most of the information presented in the briefing book deals solely with distributional or policy issues, there are several scientific components the SSC wishes to highlight.

The way the fisheries are actually prosecuted (geographic location of fishing and landings, timing of fishing, and participants) will in the long-term tend not to be affected by who receives the initial allocation of catch shares. Over time, the use of the catch shares will likely migrate through leases or sales to the participants who can put them to their most profitable use. This means that the eventual biological, ecological, and economic performance of the fisheries will be relatively independent of the initial allocation of catch shares. It has been the experience of

many catch share programs that such transitions occur rather quickly, often within the first few years. As a consequence, the initial allocation of quota shares is not an effective tool to direct fishing or processing effort to particular geographic locations.

Furthermore, it is not evident whether, and to what degree, changes in fishing effort between the ports would affect the Pacific whiting resource. The harvest control rule for Pacific whiting is robust to changes in the distribution of effort, thus there is unlikely to be a conservation issue. However, the overall yield from the resource may be affected, and a bioeconomic model would need to be developed to answer this question.

A control date for quota share allocation can be an effective tool to discourage excessive resource expenditures intended exclusively to secure additional quota shares. This applies equally to catcher vessels, at-sea processors, and shoreside processors.

Groundfish Management, continued

H.6 Phase I Report for Essential Fish Habitat Review

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the Phase I Report for Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review (Agenda Item H.6.b, EFHRC Report 1) and received a summary presentation of the report from Dr. Waldo Wakefield. Mr. Kerry Griffin and Mr. Chris Romsos were available to address questions from the SSC. The Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review Committee report summarizes the information underlying the EFH designations specified in Amendment 19 as well as new information and analysis techniques that have become available since the conclusion of the last groundfish EFH review. The new information, which was obtained in response to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) data calls and from reviews of published information, represents a considerable expansion of the data available for the analysis of groundfish EFH. The new information is extensive and includes:

- high-resolution maps of seafloor substrate and habitat types for a much wider expanse of the Fishery Management Plan region;
- an expanded database of observations of corals and sponges that will allow the development of more extensive biogenic habitat maps;
- an expanded database of information on associations of groundfish life-stages with different habitats;
- an expanded database of information on the spatial distribution of fishing;
- additional studies and reviews of the effects of fishing on habitat; and
- identification of new non-fishing threats to groundfish EFH.

There also have been further developments of modeling tools that could be used in conjunction with the newly available information.

The SSC supports the use of the information in the report in the Council's review of its groundfish EFH provisions. The SSC notes that it would be useful to prioritize the recommendations in Section 7 into immediate needs to support the Phase II review, versus longer-term recommendations. The SSC also notes that individual activities that contribute to climate change will be impossible to relate directly to groundfish EFH. We encourage research to understand the effects of climate change on groundfish populations, predator/prey

relationships, and habitat needs.

The NMFS Science Center Outline for synthesizing the information provided by the Phase I report describes an important step in evaluating the available information and how that information could be used in the EFH review process.

The SSC recommends that the request for proposals for changes to EFH be released subsequent to the analyses indicated in the NMFS Outline.

Adjournment: The SSC adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m., Friday, September 14, 2012.

SSC Subcommittee Assignments, September 2012

Salmon	Groundfish	Coastal Pelagic Species	Highly Migratory Species	Economic	Ecosystem-Based Management
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DRAFT Tentative Council and SSC Meeting Dates for 2012

Council Meeting Dates	Location	Likely SSC Mtg Dates	Major Topics
March 2-7, 2012 Advisory Bodies may begin Thu, March 1 Council Session begins Fri, March 2	DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento 2001 Point West Way Sacramento, CA 95815 Phone: 916-929-8855	Two Day Session Thurs, March 1 – Fri, March 2	GF Stocks for 2013 Assessments Salmon Review/Pre I
April 1-6, 2012 Advisory Bodies may begin Sat, Mar 31 Council Session begins Sun, Apr 1	Sheraton Seattle Hotel 1400 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101 Phone: 206-447-5534	One Day Session Sun, April 1	Groundfish EFH Salmon Meth. Rev. Topics Final CPS EFP
June 21-26, 2012 Advisory Bodies may begin Wed, June 20 Council Session begins Thurs, June 21	San Mateo Marriott 1770 South Amphlett Boulevard San Mateo, CA 94402 Phone: 650-653-6000	Two Day SSC Session Wed, June 20 – Thurs, June 21	P. Mackerel OFL Final 2013 GF Stock Assess. Fishery Ecosystem Plan
September 13-18, 2012 Advisory Bodies may begin Wed, Sept 12 Council Session begins Thurs, Sept 13	Doubletree Hotel Boise-Riverside 2900 Chinden Blvd Boise, ID 83714 Phone: 208-343-1871	Two Day SSC Session Thurs, Sept 13 – Fri, Sept 14	Salmon Meth. Topic Select GF Stk Assess. Schedule Halibut bycatch in GF
November 2-7, 2012 Advisory Bodies may begin Thurs, Nov 1 Council Session begins Fri, Nov 2	Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa 3050 Bristol Street Costa Mesa, CA 92626 Phone: 714-540-7000	Two Day SSC Session Thurs, Nov 1 – Fri, Nov 2	Salmon Methodology Rev Pacific Sardine Assess. Fishery Ecosystem Plan

SSC Meeting Dates and Durations are tentative and are subject to change in response to Council meeting dates and agendas, workload, etc.

Proposed Workshops and SSC Subcommittee Meetings for 2012

Tentative – Depended on funding, dates subject to change

□ – Prep. Work Underway, Scheduled to Occur; ■ – Status of Supporting Analyses Uncertain, Remains a Priority;

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	Workshop/Meeting	Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
1	Groundfish/CPS Assessment Process Review (Post Mortem)	COMPLETED Dec. 2011	NWFSC Teleconferenc e/Webinar	2011 STAR Panel Participants.	2011 CIE participation		DeVore Burner
2	Acoustic ROV survey for Rockfishes	COMPLETED Feb. 15-17	SWFSC La Jolla	Dorn, Punt	3 CIE		
3	Groundfish Impact and Economic Model Reviews	Held the day after 2012 SSC sessions	Council Various	GF/Econ Subctes & GMT	None	GMT Reps	Burner, Dahl
4	Clarification on the Conservation Performance of Rebuilding Plans	COMPLETED April 2 SSC	Council Seattle	GF/Econ Subctes & GMT reps.	None	GMT Reps	Burner, DeVore, Dahl, Ames
5	CPS Methodology Review – Canadian Survey Data	COMPLETED May 29-31	Council La Jolla	Chair: Punt Conser	CIE: TBD	CPSAS CPSMT	Griffin
6	Data Poor Species Assessment	COMPLETED June 26-29	NWFSC Seattle	Dorn, Punt, Conser	CIE: TBD	GMT GAP	DeVore
7	Pacific Sardine Updated Assess. Review	Oct. 2-3	Council La Jolla	CPS Subcte. Hamel	CPS Subcte. Members	CPSMT/ CPSAS	Griffin
8	Salmon Methodology Review	October 10-11	Council Portland	Salmon Subcte.	None	STT MEW	Tracy

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	Workshop/Meeting	Potential Dates	Sponsor/ Tentative Location	SSC Reps.	Additional Reviewers	AB Reps.	Council Staff
9	Integrated Ecosystem Assessment – Annual Report and App. to Stock Assessments	Winter 2012	NWFSC/ SWFSC TBD	EBM Subcte.	?	EPDT EAS	Burner
10	Harvest Parameters for Pacific Sardine	Dec 2012?	Council La Jolla?	2-3 TBD	CIE: TBD	CPSMT CPSAS	Griffin Burner
11	Reference Points (Bzero) Workshop II	Summer/Fall	Council Portland	GF Subcte?	CIE/External 1-3:	GMT GAP	DeVore
12	Groundfish Historic Catch Reconstructions	NMFS Rpt. at Council Mtgs – Poss. Workshop in late 2012	Council Meetings - Wrkshp	2-3 TBD	None	GMT GAP	DeVore
13	Assessing Socioeconomic Impacts in Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management	?	NWFSC Seattle?	Econ and EBM Subctes.?	?	EPDT IEA	Burner
14	Transboundary Groundfish Stocks	Initial Steps in 2012	Council	2?		GMT GAP	DeVore

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2012
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: John DeVore
SUBJECT: November 2012 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 2-7, 2012 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel in Costa Mesa, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3. Your meeting materials are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the SSC agenda.

Administrative Matters

The Council will be reviewing nominations for the 2013-2015 Advisory Body terms, including the seven at-large positions on the SSC. Current at-large SSC members who have been re-nominated will be asked to leave the room during the SSC closed session deliberations for these seats.

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council is scheduled to adopt a new stock assessment and 2013 harvest specifications and management measures for Pacific sardine. The SSC will review the new assessment and consider recommending it for management decision-making. Additionally, the SSC will review the West Coast Vancouver Island survey and consider recommending its use in future assessments. Finally, the SSC will recommend a 2013 overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch for Pacific sardine.

Groundfish Management Matters

At this meeting, the Council will consider measures and mortality rates for cowcod and yelloweye rockfish released in recreational fisheries using descending devices to mitigate the effects of barotrauma. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) is providing their progress report on this initiative, including alternative mortality rates associated with the use of descending devices for these two species. The SSC will review the science informing these mortality rates and provide their recommendations to the Council. The Executive Summary of the progress report (Agenda Item I.3.b, GMT Report) includes specific questions for SSC consideration.

Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

JDD:kam

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 F.3 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
4. Agenda Item F.4 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Salmon Management

5. Agenda Item C.1 – NMFS Report
6. Agenda Item C.2 – Preseason Salmon Management Schedule for 2013
7. Agenda Item C.3 – 2012 Salmon Methodology Review

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

8. Agenda Item G.1 – NMFS Report
9. Agenda Item G.2 – Exempted Fishing Permit Process
10. Agenda Item G.3 – Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and 2013 Management

Groundfish Management

11. Agenda Item I.1 – NMFS Report
12. Agenda Item I.2 – Amendment 24
13. Agenda Item I.3 – Rockfish Barotrauma Mitigation
14. Agenda Item I.5 – Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions

Ecosystem Based Management

15. Agenda Item K.1 – Fishery Ecosystem Plan
16. Agenda Item K.2 – Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report
17. Agenda Item K.3 – California Current Ecosystem Report

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

18. November 2012 SSC Agenda
19. Draft September 2012 SSC Minutes
20. Informational Reports
21. Hotel Related Information
22. Roster

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