



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2012

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

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 3-7, 2012, at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) will meet Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Laguna Beach 2; and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will meet the same days, in Emerald Bay 2. The CPSMT and CPSAS will meet jointly for a portion of those days, at the discretion of the Chairs.

At this Council meeting, supplemental reports may be developed on the following topics:

- Adoption of a new EFP process for CPS (Agenda Item G.2)
- Use of West Coast Vancouver Island Trawl Survey for use in future assessments (G.3)
- Consider preliminary proposals or notices of intent for EFPs (G.3)
- Approval of Pacific sardine stock assessment and sardine management measures for 2012 (Agenda Item G.3)
- Comment on scheduling the next full sardine assessment (Agenda Item F.4)
- Comment on assessment (or other) plans for Pacific mackerel in 2013 (Agenda Item F.4)
- Harvest parameters workshop/management strategy evaluation (Agenda Item F.4)

In addition, there will be a NMFS Report for the Council (Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>) on the 2012 sardine fishery (including Tribal fishing), the Catch Shares Workshop report; and a SWFSC report on the spring/summer surveys.

Finally, there are two CPSMT-specific items that warrant discussion and possibly a supplemental report. First, with Briana Brady's departure from the CPSMT, there is no Vice Chair. Therefore, it could make sense to hold an election to fill the Vice Chair spot until March, when we will have elections for both Chair and Vice Chair.

Second, the Quinault Indian Nation has expressed interest in adding a dedicated Tribal seat to the CPSMT. This will be a two-step process in which the Council first chooses to add the seat, and then selects someone to fill the seat. This could happen all at one meeting (November), although could also become a two-meeting process.

Enclosed are November 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 G.1 – CPS NMFS Report
3. Agenda Item G.2 – Coastal Pelagic Species Exempted Fishing Permit Process
4. Agenda Item G.3 – Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and Management for 2012
5. Agenda Item K.1 – Ecosystem Based Management
6. Agenda Item K.2 – Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report
7. Agenda Item F.4 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
8. Agenda Item F.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
9. CPSAS Agenda
10. CPSMT Agenda
11. SSC Agenda
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 23, 2012  
TO: Enforcement Consultants  
FROM: Jim Seger, Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: November 2012 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 3 through November 7, 2012 at Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel in Costa Mesa, California. The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet in the Huntington Beach 1-2 room on **Saturday, November 3** starting at **4:30 p.m.** and continue through **Wednesday, November 7**, 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
- Pacific Halibut Management**
3. Agenda Item E.1 2013 Pacific Halibut Regulations
- Coastal Pelagic Species Management**
4. Agenda Item G.3 Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and Management for 2013, Including Preliminary EFP Proposals and Tribal Set-Aside
- Enforcement Issues**
5. Agenda Item H.1 Current Enforcement Issues
- Groundfish Management**
6. Agenda Item I.3 Progress Report On Using Descending Devices To Mitigate Barotrauma In Recreational Fisheries
7. Agenda Item I.4 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
8. Agenda Item I.5 Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions and Updates
- Highly Migratory Species Management**
9. Agenda Item J.1 Council Recommendations on International Highly Migratory Species Management
- Administrative Matters**
10. Agenda Item F.4 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
- Informational Reports**
11. Informational Report 3: Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative Preliminary Annual Report for 2012
- General Information**
12. Hotel-Related Information
13. Council Roster



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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2012

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

FROM: Mike Burner

SUBJECT: November 2012 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 3-7, 2012 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa in Costa Mesa, California. The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) will meet on Sunday, November 4 and Monday, November 5 in the Laguna Beach 2 room. The Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT) will not be meeting at the November 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.

#### Administrative Matters

The current term for all nine seats on the EAS will expire at the end of the year, and the Council will be considering appointments for the 2013-2015 term in November. I greatly appreciate the work the EAS completed during the last term and I am encouraged that the majority of existing members have been nominated for the next term.

#### Ecosystem-Based Management Matters

The Council's developing Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) will be the focus of this session where the Council is scheduled to adopt a preliminary plan for public review. Final FEP adoption is tentatively scheduled for March 2013. The Council is also scheduled to receive an update on implementation of the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) and the first annual state of the ecosystem report. Although the EPDT is not meeting in Costa Mesa, several EPDT members and IEA team members are planning to attend the November Council session and will be available to answer questions and discuss the drafts as schedules allow.

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.

MDB:kam

Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4: Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1: Open Comment
3. Agenda Item F.3: Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
4. Agenda Item F.4: Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
5. Agenda Item H.1: Current Enforcement Issues
6. Agenda Item K.1: Council Fishery Ecosystem Plan Development
7. Agenda Item K.2: Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report
8. Agenda Item K.3: California Current Ecosystem Report
9. EAS Agenda
10. Informational Reports 1 and 4
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2012

TO: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Management Team, and Groundfish Interested Persons

FROM: Ms. Kelly Ames, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 3-7, 2012 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) and Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2012.

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

- Pacific halibut regulations for 2013;
- Reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service on regulatory, science, and research activities;
- Improvements to the groundfish management process (Amendment 24);
- Progress report on using descending devices to mitigate barotrauma in recreational fisheries;
- Considerations for inseason adjustments to 2012 and 2013 groundfish fisheries;
- Fishery ecosystem plan;
- Integrated ecosystem assessment implementation report;
- California Current ecosystem report;
- Trawl rationalization trailing actions and updates;
- 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 – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item D – Habitat
4. Agenda Item E – Pacific Halibut Management
5. Agenda Item F.3 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
6. Agenda Item F.4 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
7. Agenda Item H – Enforcement Issues
8. Agenda Item I – Groundfish Management
9. Agenda Item K – Ecosystem Based Management
10. Pacific Whiting Carryover Agenda
11. SSC Agenda and Minutes
12. GMT Agenda
13. GAP Agenda
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 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: November 2012 Council Meeting

The November Council meeting takes place November 3-7 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel in Costa Mesa, California. The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) begins meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 3 and continues meeting on Sunday. The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) meets on Sunday, November 4 beginning at 8:00 a.m. There is a single HMS topic, Agenda Item J.1.a, scheduled first thing Monday, November 5.

The Situation Summary for Agenda Item J.1 describes two general topics: developments with respect to the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty and Council recommendations for the upcoming Ninth Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) meeting. In addition, the situation summary references the extraordinary meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission scheduled for October 24-25. At this time a bilateral meeting to discuss the U.S.-Canada albacore treaty has not been scheduled. The Council may make recommendations to the U.S. delegation to the WCPFC on a number of issues that are likely to be discussed at the Commission meeting. In addition, the Permanent Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission is meeting October 25-26. Relevant information and recommendations from that Committee will be made available at the Council meeting.

In addition to the attachments to the situation summary, advisory body members may want to review the following selected delegation proposals from the Eighth Technical and Compliance Committee Meeting. All TCC material is available at <http://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/2012/8th-Regular-Session-Technical-and-Compliance-Committee>

#### Whale Sharks

- WCPFC-TCC8-2012-DP04: Explanatory Note on Australia's Proposal to address impacts of purse seine fishing on Whale Sharks
- WCPFC-TCC8-2012-DP05: Australia's Proposal to address impacts of purse seine



fishing on Whale Sharks

**Port State Measures**

- WCPFC-TCC8-2012-DP12: Explanatory Note: European Union Proposal for a CMM on WCPFC Scheme for Minimum Standards for Inspection in Port
- WCPFC-TCC8-2012-DP13: European Union Proposal for a CMM on WCPFC Scheme for Minimum Standards For Inspection In Port

**Conservation and Management**

- WCPFC-TCC8-2012-DP14: Explanatory Note: European Union Proposal for a Conservation and Management Measure on a WCPFC Yellowfin, Bigeye And Skipjack Tunas and Swordfish Catch Certification Scheme
- WCPFC-TCC8-2012-DP15: European Union Proposal for a Conservation and Management Measure on a WCPFC Yellowfin, Bigeye And Skipjack Tunas and Swordfish Catch Certification Scheme
- WCPFC-TCC8-2012-DP10: Japan: Conceptual Proposal on Purse Seine Management in WCPO

On Saturday, November 3 the HMSMT will discuss developing a proposal to modify the Pacific Leatherback Conservation Area. In March the Council directed the HMSMT in consultation with the HMSAS to determine if any changes can be made to the closure dates for, or the southern boundary of, the Pacific Leatherback Conservation Area (PLCA) in order to enhance fishing opportunity in the California drift gillnet fishery. Members of the HMSMT will meet with the HMSAS on Sunday morning to review the previous day's discussion and seek input from HMSAS members on proposal development.

Two informational reports are included in this mailing. The first is a Federal Register notice announcing NMFS's intent to consider listing the northeast Pacific population of great white shark under the Endangered Species Act. The great white shark is listed as a prohibited species in the HMS FMP. The second informational report is the Billfish Conservation Act of 2012. This law prohibits the sale of a defined list of billfish caught by U.S. vessels except for specific exemptions for the State of Hawaii and the Pacific Insular Areas.

I have also attached the briefing materials for Agenda Item K.1., on the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan, and Agenda Item K.2, on the implementation of the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment, scheduled on the Council floor on Tuesday November 6. As indicated on your agendas, a joint briefing on these topics is scheduled on Sunday.

As usual, materials for Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning (Agenda Item F.4) are included to inform committees on planning 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 Costa Mesa. If you have time for shopping, the nearby South Coast Plaza shopping center ranks near the top nationally in terms of sales volume, generating more than one billion dollars annually! That exceeds the \$597 million in revenue from west coast fisheries landings in 2011 (according to the PacFIN database).

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Enclosures:

1. HMSAS and HMSMT Meeting Agendas
2. Information Report 1: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; 90-Day Finding on Petitions to List the Northeastern Pacific Ocean Distinct Population Segment of Great White Shark as Threatened or Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act (77 FR 59582)
3. Informational Report 4: Billfish Conservation Act of 2012
4. Agenda Item A.4: Council Meeting Agenda
5. Agenda Item J.1: International Highly Migratory Species Management: Council Recommendations, Including U.S. Albacore Treaty and WCPFC9
6. Agenda Item K.1: Fishery Ecosystem Plan: Adopt Preliminary FEP for Public Review
7. Agenda Item K.2: Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Implementation Report: Information and Discussion
8. Agenda Item F.5: Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2012

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

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer for Salmon

SUBJECT: November Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 3-7, 2012 in Costa Mesa, California. In preparation, the Salmon Technical Team (STT), the Salmon Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) met on October 11 and 12, 2012 in Portland, Oregon to review proposed methodology changes for the 2013 salmon management cycle. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will hold a work session via telephone conference at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2012 to review the issues and prepare reports for the November Council meeting. The STT, the SAS, and the MEW will not be meeting in Costa Mesa, but briefing materials are included to keep you apprised of Council salmon-related issues and for SAS preparation in advance of the October 29 work session.

The salmon-related issues before the Council include approval of new and modified methodologies and approval of a schedule for the 2013 preseason management process, including public hearing dates and locations. The Council is scheduled to adopt recommendations for implementing proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and annual regulations for 2013 including a proposal to allow incidental Pacific halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery beginning in April 1 to better align with salmon seasons. Additionally, the Council will consider adopting a preliminary Fishery Ecosystem Plan for public review.

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 Item B.1: Open Comment
3. Agenda Item C.1: Salmon Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service
4. Agenda Item C.2: Preseason Salmon Management Schedule for 2013
5. Agenda Item C.3: 2012 Salmon Methodology Review
6. Agenda Item E.1: 2013 Pacific Halibut Regulations
7. Agenda Item D.1: Current Habitat Issues
8. Agenda Item F.3: Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
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14. Informational Reports 1 and 4