



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2013

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

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: April Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 5-11, 2013 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9-10, in the Cascade A and Mt. St. Helens B rooms, respectively. Please note the following scheduling nuances:

- The CPSMT and CPSAS will meet jointly in Mt. St. Helens B 1:00 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Tuesday April 9.
- The CPSMT and CPSAS will attend the Council session on Ecosystem-Based Management (8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., April 9) and on the Sardine Harvest Parameters Workshop (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., April 10).

Enclosed are the April briefing materials for your review. Thank you for your continued effort in support of the Council and West Coast fishery management.

KFG:kam

Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Informational Briefing
3. Agenda Item B.3 – Ocean Observation Initiative Report
4. Agenda Item H.1 – Ecosystem Based Management
5. Agenda Item I.1 – Sardine Harvest Parameters Workshop Report
6. Agenda Item I.2 – Shifting Sardine Fishery Start Date
7. Agenda Item B.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
8. Agenda Item B.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
9. CPSAS Agenda
10. CPSMT Agenda
11. SSC Agenda
12. Hotel-related Information



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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2013  
TO: Enforcement Consultants  
FROM: Jim Seger, Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: April 2013 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 5-11, 2012 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, Oregon. The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet in the Club Lounge – 4th Floor, on **Saturday, April 6** starting at **8:00 a.m.** and continue through **Wednesday, April 10**, as needed. Enclosed are materials for items on the EC Agenda and additional items that might be of interest to you.

JLS:kam

Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Proposed April Council Meeting Agenda
2. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
3. Coastal Pelagics Species Advisory Subpanel Agenda
4. Groundfish Advisory Panel Agenda
5. Salmon Advisory Subpanel Agenda
6. Agenda Item B.7 Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning
7. Agenda Item D.2 Status of the Rationalized Trawl Fishery
8. Agenda Item D.7 Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions – Electronic Monitoring Regulatory Process
9. Agenda Item E.1 Tentative Adoption of 2013 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis
10. Agenda Item J.1 Regulations for Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Declarations
11. Hotel-Related Information
12. Council Roster



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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2013

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

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: April Council Meeting

In conjunction with the April Council meeting, the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS), will meet on Sunday, April 7 and Monday, April 8. The meetings will be held in the Mt. St. Helens B Room of the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Portland, Oregon. The Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT) is not meeting in April.

The primary focus of the EAS in April will be final action on the Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the U.S. Portion of the California Current Large Marine Ecosystem. Per Council guidance, the EPDT has compiled a revised public review draft of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP), including an Ecosystem Initiatives Appendix. Both of these public review drafts, as well as a recorded reader's guide to the FEP webinar, were posted to the Council's Ecosystem-Based Management web page in February 2013. These documents are not included on paper in your materials, but are included electronically on the April 2013 Briefing Book CD. Paper copies can be provided upon request.

Please take some time and review your briefing materials thoroughly before the meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you.

MDB:kam

Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Informational Briefing
3. Agenda Item B.2, B.3, B.4, B.6 and B.7– Administrative Matters
4. Agenda Item H.1 – Ecosystem-Based Management
5. Proposed EAS Agenda
6. Hotel-related Information



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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2013

TO: Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee (EFHRC) and Interested Persons

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: April Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 5-11, 2013 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220. The EFHRC will meet for one day on Sunday, April 7. The focus of this meeting will be to consider the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Synthesis Report and the current version of the request for proposals (RFP). The EFHRC will also consider future agenda planning, including a significant amount of work that will be required when proposals are received.

The EFHRC should anticipate developing supplemental reports on the NMFS Synthesis Report and on the RFP.

Enclosed are the April briefing materials for your review. 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 B.3 – Ocean Observation Initiative Report
3. Agenda Item B.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
4. Agenda Item B.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
5. Agenda Item D.6 – Groundfish EFH Synthesis Report and RFP
6. EFHRC Agenda
7. SSC Agenda
8. Hotel-related Information



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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2013

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

FROM: Ms. Kelly Ames, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: April Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 5-11, 2013 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, Oregon. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013.

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

- Formalization of Council decisions at the March Council meeting;
- Open public comment;
- Expansion of Gulf of Farallones and Cordell Banks National Marine Sanctuaries;
- Ocean Observation Initiative report;
- Reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service on regulatory, science, and research activities;
- Status of the rationalized fishery;
- Stock complex assemblages;
- Implementation of the 2013 Pacific whiting fishery under the U.S.-Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement;
- Current habitat issues;
- Barotrauma device mortality rates for the recreational fisheries;
- Groundfish essential fish habitat synthesis report and requests for proposals;
- Final Pacific halibut incidental catch recommendations for the salmon troll and primary, fixed gear sablefish fisheries;
- Final adoption of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan;
- Trawl rationalization trailing actions: electronic monitoring regulatory process;
- Considerations for inseason adjustments to 2013 groundfish fisheries;
- Legislative matters;
- Regulations for vessel monitoring system declarations;
- 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.

KLA:kam

Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Formalization of Council Decisions at the March Council Meeting
3. Agenda Item B.2 – Expansion of Gulf of Farallones and Cordell Banks National Marine Sanctuaries
4. Agenda Item B.3 – Ocean Observation Initiative Report
5. Agenda Item B.4 – Legislative Matters
6. Agenda Item B.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
7. Agenda Item B.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
8. Agenda Item C – Open Comment Period
9. Agenda Item D – Groundfish Management
10. Agenda Item F – Habitat
11. Agenda Item G – Pacific Halibut Management
12. Agenda Item H – Ecosystem-Based Management
13. Agenda Item J – Enforcement Issues
14. GAP Agenda
15. GMT Agenda
16. SSC Agenda
17. SSC Minutes
18. SSC Economics Subcommittee Agenda
19. Hotel-related Information
20. Roster



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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2013  
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee  
FROM: John DeVore  
SUBJECT: April 2013 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 5-11, 2013 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, Oregon. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. The SSC's Economic Subcommittee will meet Sunday, April 7. Your meeting materials are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the SSC agenda.

#### Council Administrative Matters

The SSC will be reviewing the credentials of nominees to vacant seats on Council management teams. The SSC will be in closed session for this discussion.

#### Groundfish Management

The Council will adopt a range of alternatives for restructuring groundfish stock complexes and deciding a suite of preliminary preferred alternatives, if possible. The SSC will review the initial analyses done to inform the suitability of these alternatives.

The Council will consider the application of discard mortality rates associated with barotrauma reduction devices in recreational groundfish fisheries. The SSC will review revised methods proposed by the Groundfish Management Team to estimate appropriate discard mortality rates for canary, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish.

The Council will discuss and provide guidance on the Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review Synthesis Report and initiate phase 2 of the review by approving the request for proposals to modify groundfish EFH.

The Council will also discuss and provide guidance on electronic monitoring (EM). The SSC will review a 2013 EM study proposed by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and provide other comments to the Council pertinent to this issue.

Additionally, the SSC Economic Subcommittee will meet on April 7. The Economic Subcommittee will review the 2013 extensions and revisions to the Input-output Model for Pacific Coast Fisheries (IO-PAC), as well as reports from the Economic Data Collection Program.

#### Salmon Management

The Council will provide guidance on potential salmon methodologies to review in 2013. The SSC will provide their perspective and recommendations on this issue.

#### Ecosystem-Based Management

The SSC will discuss and make their recommendations on the Fishery Ecosystem Plan in preparation for final Council adoption at this meeting.

#### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council will consider changes to the Pacific sardine harvest control rule parameters.

The Council will also consider initiating a process to shift the start date of the Pacific sardine fishery.

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

JDD:kam

Enclosures include:

#### **Council, and SSC Administrative Matters**

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Informational Briefing
3. Agenda Item B.3 – Ocean Observation Initiative Report
4. Agenda Item B.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
5. Agenda Item B.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

#### **Groundfish Management**

6. Agenda Item D.2 – Status of the Rationalized Fishery
7. Agenda Item D.3 – Stock Complex Assemblages
8. Agenda Item D.5 – Consider Barotrauma Device Mortality Rates
9. Agenda Item D.6 – Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Synthesis Report and Request for Proposals
10. Agenda Item D.7 – Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions – Electronic Monitoring Regulatory Process
11. Documentation of extensions and revisions to the IO-PAC model
12. Electronic Data Collection Reports



**Salmon Management**

13. Agenda Item E.5 – Methodology Review Process and Preliminary Topic Selection for 2013

**Ecosystem-based Management**

14. Agenda Item H.1 – Final Fishery Ecosystem Plan

**Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

15. Agenda Item I.1 – Sardine Harvest Parameters Workshop Report
16. Agenda Item I.2 – Shifting Sardine Fishery Start Date

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

17. April 2013 SSC Agenda
18. April 2013 SSC Economic Subcommittee Agenda
19. Draft March 2013 SSC Minutes
20. Informational Reports
21. Hotel Related Information

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