



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 5, 2013

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

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 18-25, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Orange County 11999 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove, California. The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) will meet in the Royal D-F Room, and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will be meeting in the Royal C Room. Please note that the CPSMT starts at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday June 23, and the CPSAS starts at 1:00 p.m. that day. Members of the CPSAS are welcome to attend the CPSMT meeting during Sunday morning business. Although there are no scheduled joint meeting times, the CPSAS will attend two presentations in Royal D. The first is Sunday at 2 p.m., to hear a 30 minute presentation on the proposed new temperature index for Pacific sardine management. The other is Monday at 10:30 a.m. for a one-hour presentation and discussion regarding market squid research.

At this Council meeting, both the CPSMT and CPSAS may develop supplemental reports on the following topics:

- Pacific Sardine Harvest Parameters (Agenda Item I.4)
- Ecosystem-Based Management - List of Fisheries (Agenda Item H.1)
- Pacific Mackerel Status and Management Measures (Agenda Item I.2)
- Start Date for Pacific Sardine (Agenda Item I.3)
- Maximum Sustainable Yield for Northern Stock of Northern Anchovy (Agenda Item I.1)
- Methodology Reviews for 2013 (Agenda Item C.7)

Enclosed are June agenda materials for your review. Thank you for your continued effort in support of the Council and West Coast fisheries management.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. Agenda Item C.1 – Reports on Managing Our Nation’s Fisheries 3 (MONF3) Conference and the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Meeting
4. Agenda Item C.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
5. Agenda Item C.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
6. Agenda Item D.2 – U.S.-Canada Albacore Update
7. Agenda Item E –Enforcement Issues
8. Agenda Item I.1 – NMFS CPS Report
9. Agenda Item I.2 – Pacific Mackerel Management Status and Management Measures
10. Agenda Item I.3 – Sardine Fishery Start Date and Management Schedule
11. Agenda Item I.4 – Adjustments to Sardine Harvest Parameters
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2013
TO: Enforcement Consultants
FROM: Jim Seger, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: June 2013 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 18-25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, California. The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet in the Royal D-F Room,, on **Wednesday, June 19** starting at **5:00 p.m.** and continue there through Saturday, June 22, then will meet in the Terrace A-C Room Sunday, June 23 and **Monday, June 24**, 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 April Council Meeting Agenda
2. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
3. Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel Agenda
4. Groundfish Advisory Subpanel Agenda
5. Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel Agenda
6. Informational Reports
7. Agenda Item B.1 Open Comment
8. Agenda Item C.6 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
9. Agenda Item C.7 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
10. Agenda Item D.2 U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Update
11. Agenda Item D.3 Preliminary Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Approval
12. Agenda Item E.1 Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and Declaration Regulations
13. Agenda Item F.2 Status of Rationalized Fisheries
14. Agenda Item F.3 Mid-Water Sport Fishery
15. Agenda Item F.4 Seabird Avoidance Regulations
16. Agenda Item F.6 Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions
17. Agenda Item F.9 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
18. Agenda Item I.2 Pacific Mackerel Management Status and Management Measures
19. Agenda Item I.3 Sardine Fishery Start Date and Management Schedule
20. Hotel-Related Information

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 5, 2013

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

FROM: Ms. Kelly Ames, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 20-25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, California. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2013. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013.

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

- Open public comment;
- Reports on the Managing Our Nation's Fisheries Conference 3 and the Council Coordination Committee Meeting;
- Regulations for vessel monitoring system declarations and other enforcement issues;
- Reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service on regulatory, science, and research activities;
- Status of the rationalized fishery, including a report on the Economic Data Collection Program;
- Development of a mid-water sport fishery;
- Seabird avoidance regulations for longline vessels;
- Current habitat issues;
- Stock assessments for use in the 2015-2016 management cycle;
- Trawl rationalization trailing actions: electronic monitoring regulatory process, September scoping for PIE 3, and other actions, as needed;
- Legislative matters;
- Consideration of 2015-2016 and Beyond Harvest Specifications and Management Measures;
- Changes to the groundfish stock complex assemblages;
- Consideration of inseason adjustments to 2013 groundfish fisheries, including carryover;
- Update the list of fisheries;
- Coastal Marine Spatial Planning update

- 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 C.1 – Reports on Managing Our Nation’s Fisheries 3 Conference and the Council Coordination Committee Meeting
4. Agenda Item C.3 – Legislative Matters
5. Agenda Item C.4 – Coastal Marine Spatial Planning Update
6. Agenda Item C.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
7. Agenda Item C.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
8. Agenda Item E – Enforcement Issues
9. Agenda Item F – Groundfish Management
10. Agenda Item G – Habitat
11. Agenda Item H – Ecosystem-Based Management
12. Informational Reports
13. GAP Agenda
14. GMT Agenda
15. SSC Agenda
16. SSC Minutes
17. SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Agenda
18. Hotel-related Information



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2013

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

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer for Salmon

SUBJECT: June Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 18-25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove, California. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), Salmon Technical Team (STT), and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not be meeting in June, but there are a few items on the agenda that may be of interest to you.

The Council is scheduled to take final action on declaration requirements for the Vessel Monitoring System under Enforcement Issues, Agenda Item E.1. In April the SAS took up this matter and, along with the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, recommended the following option: "Vessels with VMS units that met subsidy criteria by registering as a possible groundfish vessel must make a fishery declaration under the groundfish regulations."

Under Ecosystem-Based Management, Agenda Item H.1, the Council is scheduled to review the Federal list of authorized West Coast fisheries and gears. The list is an MSA requirement, and has not been updated in recent years. Updating the list has been suggested as part of an overall policy for the protection of currently unmanaged and unfished forage species. The SAS and STT have discussed this matter in the past under previous Fishery Ecosystem Plan discussions and may have the opportunity to review proposed changes in September.

Looking ahead, the draft September 2013 Council agenda includes a few salmon topics; final methodology review topic selection, final action on essential fish habitat, and Columbia River avian predation issues. At this time, it is unclear whether the STT and the SAS will be attending the September Council meeting. It is possible that the salmon advisory groups will not be attending and will be developing reports and recommendations for September via email and teleconference. I will keep you posted and would appreciate any feedback on this topic.

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 Public Comment
3. Agenda Items C.1, C.4 and C.7– Administrative Matters
4. Agenda Item E.1 – Enforcement Issues
5. Agenda Item G.1 – Habitat Issues
6. Agenda Item H.1 – Ecosystem-based Management
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 30, 2013
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: John DeVore
SUBJECT: June 2013 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 18-25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County Hotel, 11999 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) Groundfish Subcommittee will meet Tuesday, June 18 in the Royal C Room, and the full SSC will meet Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20, also in the Royal C Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the SSC agenda.

Council Administrative Matters

There is one appointment the SSC will review. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has designated Ms. Heidi Taylor to replace Mr. Michael Hendrick as the NMFS Southwest Region representative on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT). The SSC will be in closed session for this discussion.

Highly Migratory Species Management

The Council will adopt elements of a precautionary management framework for North Pacific albacore tuna. The SSC will review North Pacific albacore management reference points proposed by the Highly Migratory Species Management Team and recommend those that have a stronger scientific basis.

Groundfish Management

The Council will adopt new full assessments for petrale sole and darkblotched rockfish; data-moderate assessments for eight groundfish species; an update assessment for bocaccio; and catch reports for canary rockfish, Pacific ocean perch, and yelloweye rockfish as recommended by the SSC. The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee and subsequently the full SSC will review these assessments, stock assessment review (STAR) reports, and catch reports before recommending whether they represent the best available science for these stocks and are suitable for management decision-making.

The Council will discuss the status of the rationalized trawl fishery. The SSC will review the Economic Data Collection Program reports that inform status of the rationalized fishery and provide comment on the content of these reports.

The Council will discuss and provide guidance on trawl trailing actions that include development of an electronic monitoring (EM) program. The SSC will review a white paper discussing theoretical performance standards for an EM program and provide comment on the technical merit of these standards. The SSC will also review the final report of the 2012 EM study conducted by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) and consider whether anything in that report compels additional considerations for the 2013 PSMFC EM study.

The Council will adopt a process and schedule for the 2015-16 harvest specifications decision-making process. The SSC will review the proposed process and schedule, the proposed analytical framework for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses, recommend impact projection models for NEPA analyses previously reviewed by the SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees, and discuss a plan for potentially recalculating the sigma values informing the relative uncertainty of overfishing limit (OFL) estimates for each stock category.

The Council will adopt a range of alternatives, including preliminary preferred alternatives, for restructuring groundfish stock complexes. The SSC will review the methods and analyses proposed by the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Council staff to inform the suitability of these alternatives.

The SSC will also discuss rebuilding revision rule alternatives and management strategy evaluation scenarios with the GMT in preparation for analyses supporting the harvest specifications decision-making process.

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council will adopt harvest and management specifications for Pacific mackerel, and will consider changing its status from actively managed to monitored. The SSC will review and approve the Pacific mackerel biomass projection and recommend an OFL.

The Council will consider adopting a change to the start date of the Pacific sardine fishery. The SSC will review the recommendations of the SSC Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee regarding the scientific validity of generating a biomass estimate and management specifications for the six-month transition period of January 1 through June 30, 2013.

The Council will adopt adjustments to the Pacific sardine harvest control rule parameters. The SSC will review analyses that evaluate the effect of incorporating the CalCOFI temperature series and the associated F_{MSY} relationship into the harvest control rules that generate OFL, acceptable biological catch (ABC), and harvest guidelines (HG). The SSC will also review the set of simulations and fishery performance measures supporting the Council's current fishery management policy approach for Pacific sardines.

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

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Enclosures include:

Council, and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Closed Session Agenda Item A.1
2. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
3. Agenda Item B.1 – Comments on Non-Agenda Items
4. Agenda Item C.1 – Reports on Managing Our Nation’s Fisheries 3 (MONF3) Conference and the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Meeting
5. Agenda Item C.4 – Coastal Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) Update
6. Agenda Item C.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
7. Agenda Item C.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Highly Migratory Species Management

8. Agenda Item D.5 – North Pacific Albacore Tuna Precautionary Management Framework

Groundfish Management

9. Agenda Item F.2 – Status of the Rationalized Trawl Fishery
10. Agenda Item F.5 – Approve Stock Assessments
11. Agenda Item F.6 – Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions
12. Agenda Item F.7 – Consideration of 2015-2016 and Beyond Harvest Specifications and Management Measures
13. Agenda Item F.8 – Adopt Preliminary Stock Complex Aggregations
14. Statement of the SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees: Reviews Conducted in 2012-13 of Data and Models to be Used in the Socioeconomic Analysis for the 2015-16 Groundfish Biennial Specifications Process

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

15. Agenda Item I.2 – Pacific Mackerel Management Status and Management Measures
16. Agenda Item I.3 – Sardine Fishery Start Date and Management Schedule
17. Agenda Item I.4 – Adjustments to Sardine Harvest Parameters

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

18. June 2013 SSC Agenda
19. June 2013 SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Agenda
20. Draft April 2013 SSC Minutes
21. Informational Reports
22. Hotel Related Information

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