



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 17, 2013

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 1-6, 2013, 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 1 and Saturday November 2 in Newport Beach 1. The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will meet the same days, in Newport Beach 2. The CPSMT and CPSAS will meet jointly for a portion of those days, tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Friday November 1. Please note that on November 1, **the CPSAS begins at 9:00 a.m., and the CPSMT begins at 8:00 a.m.** On November 2 the start time for both is 8:00 a.m.

The CPSMT is scheduled for a working lunch on Saturday November 2, so please plan accordingly.

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

- Exempted fishing permits notice of intent for 2014 (Agenda Item E.2)
  - *One Notice of Intent, from the Northwest Sardine Survey, LLC*
- Maximum sustainable yield for the northern subpopulation of northern anchovy (E.3)
- Methodology review process and preliminary topic selection (E.4)
  - *One proposal for a methodology review, from California Department of Fish and Wildlife*
- Federal enforcement priorities (F.1)
  - *Presentation from Martina Sagapolu, NOAA Law Enforcement Office*
- Pacific sardine stock assessment and sardine management measures for 2014 (E.5)
  - *Although we anticipate a projection estimate, the Federal government shutdown may cause the estimate to be delayed. As of the writing of this memo, the situation remains unclear*

- Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization priorities (I.2)
- Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning (I.6)

In addition, the CPSMT and the CPSAS should anticipate spending some time discussing Pacific sardine harvest parameters that will be considered by the Council at the March 2014 meeting. I anticipate that you will have a draft analysis report from Felipe Hurtado, which has been updated using the correct temperature data. This topic is not being considered by the Council at the November meeting.

Both the CPSMT and CPSAS will hold elections for Chair and Vice Chair, with new officers starting January 1, 2014 for a period of one year.

The proposed agendas have a new category: "Report Writing/Work Session – Major Points." This reflects the strategy of gaining consensus on the main points of supplemental reports, and then drafting the complete report. This process is designed to avoid wordsmithing, and to be more efficient in developing supplemental reports.

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 D.1 – Current Habitat Issues
3. Agenda Item E.1 – CPS NMFS Report
4. Agenda Item E.2 – Coastal Pelagic Species Exempted Fishing Permit Notice of Intent
5. Agenda Item E.3 – Maximum Sustainable Yield for the Northern Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy
6. Agenda Item E.4 – Methodology Review Process and Preliminary Topic Selection
7. Agenda Item E.5 – Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and Management for 2014
8. Agenda Item F.1 – Federal Enforcement Priorities
9. Agenda Item I.2 – Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Priorities
10. Agenda Item I.5 – Advisory Body Position Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
11. Agenda Item I.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
12. CPSAS Agenda
13. CPSMT Agenda
14. SSC Agenda
15. Hotel-related Information
16. Roster



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 17, 2013  
TO: Enforcement Consultants  
FROM: Jim Seger, Staff Officer  
SUBJECT: November 2013 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet October 31-November 6, 2013 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel 3050 Bristol Street Costa Mesa, California. You are invited to attend the meeting and receive *travel reimbursement for that entire period (October 31 through November 6)*. The Enforcement Consultants (EC) will meet in the Newport Beach III room, on **Friday, November 1** starting at **3:00 p.m.** and continue through **Tuesday, November 5**, 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 November Council Meeting Agenda
2. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
3. Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel Agenda
4. Groundfish Advisory Subpanel Agenda
5. Groundfish Management Team Agenda
6. Salmon Advisory Subpanel Agenda
7. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment
8. Agenda Item E.2 – 2014 Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Notice of Intent
9. Agenda Item F.1 – Federal Enforcement Priorities and Other Enforcement Issues
10. Agenda Item H.3 – Sablefish Permit Stacking Program Review Scoping
11. Agenda Item H.8 – Electronic Monitoring Alternatives
12. Agenda Item H.9 – Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
13. Agenda Item H.10–Biennial Management Specifications for 2015-2016 Groundfish Fisheries
14. Agenda Item I.2 – Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Reauthorization Priorities and Other Legislative Matters
15. Agenda Item I.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
16. Hotel-Related Information

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 17, 2013

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

**FROM:** Ms. Kelly Ames, Groundfish Staff Officer

**SUBJECT:** November Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet October 30-November 6, 2013 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California. On Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 8 a.m., the Ecosystem-Based Management Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet to discuss the analytical framework for the ecosystem section in the groundfish Environmental Impact Statement. Materials for this meeting will be provided electronically only on the Council's website. On Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 1 p.m., the SSC's Groundfish Subcommittee will meet to review revised data-moderate assessments for brown, China, and copper rockfish, as well as a new rebuilding analysis for cowcod. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013 in the Laguna Beach 3 room. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meeting will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 1, 2013 in the Laguna Beach 1-2 room.

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

- Matters raised during the open comment period;
  - Current habitat issues;
  - Federal enforcement priorities and other enforcement issues;
  - Final changes for the 2014 Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan and annual fishing regulations;
  - Final seabird avoidance regulations for groundfish fisheries;
  - Preliminary approval of 2015-2016 groundfish exempted fishing permits for public review;
  - Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization priorities and other legislative matters;
  - Identifying issues and alternatives for consideration of changes in the limited entry fixed gear sablefish permit stacking program;
  - Final stock complex aggregations for 2015 and beyond, including guidance on restructuring for future cycles;
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- Stock assessments for copper, brown, and China rockfishes and a new rebuilding analysis for cowcod;
- Initial actions for setting 2015-2016 harvest specifications, including annual catch limits and management measures;
- Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) review, including proposals to modify EFH;
- Electronic monitoring alternatives for the rationalized groundfish trawl fishery;
- Consideration of inseason adjustments to 2013 and 2014 groundfish fisheries;
- Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures (COP), including changes to COP 9, which describes the biennial groundfish process; 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 D – Habitat
3. Agenda Item F – Enforcement Issues
4. Agenda Item G – Pacific Halibut Management
5. Agenda Item H – Groundfish Management
6. Agenda Item I.2 – Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Reauthorization Priorities and Other Legislative Matters
7. Agenda Item I.5 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
8. Agenda Item I.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
9. GAP Agenda
10. GMT Agenda
11. SSC Ecosystem-Based Management Subcommittee Agenda
12. SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Agenda
13. SSC Agenda
14. Draft September SSC Minutes
15. Hotel-related Information



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 2013

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

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet November 1-6, 2013 at the Hilton Orange County Hotel in Costa Mesa, California. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will meet October 31 – November 1. The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not be attending the November meeting.

Primary items for your consideration in preparation for the September meeting include final review of proposed salmon methodology changes, the tentative 2014 preseason schedule, and Pacific halibut regulations for 2014. This year's methodology review meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), the STT, and MEW occurred on October 1-2, 2013 at the onset of the Federal government shutdown. Accordingly, no employees of Federal agencies were in attendance which restricted the group's ability to fully review the proposals. Therefore, the modified objective of the meeting was to conduct an initial review of the analyses, discuss alternative ways of completing this year's compromised review, and to prioritize items for the November Council meeting.

There will be insufficient time at the November Council meeting to conduct a thorough review of all of this year's topics. Methodology topics were prioritized for full SSC review in November based on two main criteria; 1) the technical merits of the analysis and the documentation, and 2) the proposed methodology's potential to directly affect the 2014 preseason process. Proposals we will likely focus on include technical revision to the Oregon Coastal Natural (OCN) coho work group harvest matrix, Lower Columbia natural (LCN) coho matrix control rules, Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) improvements regarding estimated sublegal encounters and impacts from size limit changes, and alternative forecast methodologies for the Sacramento fall Chinook index.

The Council's Annual Award Banquet will be a 6 p.m. on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's honorees include Ray Conser, Marion Larkin, Duncan MacLean, Vicki Nomura, Marija Vojkovich, and Steve Williams. Please email [Renee.Dorval@noaa.gov](mailto:Renee.Dorval@noaa.gov) or call the Council Office at 503-820-2280 no later than Monday, October 28, 2013, if you can join us.

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

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item B.1 – Open Comment
3. Agenda Item C.1, C.2, and C.3 – Salmon Management
4. Agenda Item D. 1 – Habitat
5. Agenda Item F.1 – Enforcement Issues
6. Agenda Item G.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
7. Agenda Item I.1, I.2, I.5, and I.6 – Administrative Matters
8. SAS Agenda
9. SSC Agenda
10. Hotel Related Information
11. Annual Banquet Invite
12. Roster



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 17, 2013

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore

SUBJECT: November 2013 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet October 30-November 6, 2013 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel, 3050 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC's) Ecosystem-Based Management Subcommittee will meet Wednesday, October 30 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Emerald Bay 2 Room and the SSC's Groundfish Subcommittee will meet on the same day in the same room from 1-5 p.m. The full SSC will meet Thursday, October 31 through Friday, November 1 in the Emerald Bay 2 Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed and include informational items that are not on the SSC agenda.

### Salmon Management

The Council will adopt final salmon methodology changes at this meeting. The Salmon Subcommittee met in October to review new salmon methodologies but, due to the Federal government shutdown, that review was limited in scope. Therefore, extra time was added to the SSC agenda to complete the Salmon Methodology Review.

### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council will consider any exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications for coastal pelagic species (CPS). The SSC will review those EFPs that affect the science informing CPS management.

The Council is scheduled to establish a maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for northern anchovy at this meeting. The SSC will review the science informing an MSY estimate and make their recommendations to the Council.

The Council will decide priorities for the 2014 CPS methodology review process at this meeting. The SSC will recommend their priorities for this methodology review process.

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The Council will decide interim harvest specifications and management measures for Pacific sardine for the first half of 2014. Dr. Kevin Hill is scheduled to present harvest specifications for this time period projected from the 2011 full assessment for Pacific sardine. The SSC will review these projections and make their recommendations to the Council.

### Groundfish Management

The Council will consider the Phase 2 Report on Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) prepared by the Council's EFH Review Committee, which evaluates eight proposals received to change current groundfish EFH. The Council will consider establishing a process to change current EFH based on the Phase 2 report and the SSC's evaluation of that report.

The Council will consider adopting revised data-moderate assessments for brown, China, and copper rockfish, as well as a new rebuilding analysis for cowcod as recommended by the SSC. The SSC will review these assessments and the cowcod rebuilding analysis before recommending whether they represent the best available science for these stocks and are suitable for management decision-making.

The Council will identify issues and alternatives for consideration of changes in the limited entry sablefish permit stacking program. The SSC will review the proposed indicators for evaluating program performance and make their recommendations to the Council whether these or other indicators are the most informative for Council decision-making.

The Council is tasked at this meeting with adopting final preferred 2015 and 2016 overfishing limits (OFLs) for those remaining stocks and complexes in which OFLs were not decided at the September 2013 meeting (i.e., cowcod, brown rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, and those species contemplated for management in the restructured Other Fish complex); final preferred acceptable biological catches (ABCs); and a range of annual catch limits (ACLs), including preliminary preferred ACLs for each groundfish stock and complex. The SSC will review the list of proposed OFLs and the range of ABCs and recommend those OFLs, stock categories, biomass variances (i.e., sigmas) for stocks and stock categories not already decided for 2015-2016 groundfish fisheries.

The Council will adopt a range of alternatives for electronic monitoring regulations. The SSC will review these alternatives and make their recommendations on the range of alternatives and further analysis of these alternatives.

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. Agenda Item I.5 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
3. Agenda Item I.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

**Salmon Management**

4. Agenda Item C.2 – Salmon Methodology Review

**Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

5. Agenda Item E.2 – 2014 Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Notice of Intent
6. Agenda Item E.3 – Establish Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) Reference Point for Northern Anchovy
7. Agenda Item E.4 – Methodology Review Process and Preliminary Topic Selection
8. Agenda Item E.5 – 2014 Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and Management, Including Tribal Set-Aside

**Groundfish Management**

9. Agenda Item H.3 – Sablefish Permit Stacking Program Review Scoping
10. Agenda Item H.5 – Stock Assessments and Rebuilding Analyses
11. Agenda Item H.6 – Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2015-2016 Groundfish Fisheries
12. Agenda Item H.7 – Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review Phase 2 Report and Proposals to Modify EFH
13. Agenda Item H.8 – Electronic Monitoring Alternatives

**SSC Agenda, Draft SSC Minutes, Closed Session, etc.**

14. November 2013 SSC Agenda
15. Draft September 2013 SSC Minutes
16. November 2013 SSC Ecosystem-Based Management Subcommittee Agenda
17. November 2013 SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Agenda
18. SSC Future Agenda Planning
19. Closed Session
20. Hotel Related Information