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PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO CONSIDER EMERGENCY CHANGES IN THE 2014-2015 PACIFIC SARDINE FISHERY

The Pacific Fishery Management Council voted today to consider whether to recommend emergency changes in the current Pacific sardine fishing season, which is otherwise scheduled to end June 30, 2015. The Council tentatively scheduled the discussion and potential action for Wednesday afternoon at about 3 pm, April 15, at its meeting in Rohnert Park, California.

New information has been presented to the Council that has called into question whether action should be taken to reduce the remaining season, which has about 2,900 metric tons remaining in the directed fishery and 500 metric tons remaining for incidental take in fisheries targeting other species.

The Council will take public testimony prior to taking any action. Participants in the fishery and members of the public are encouraged to make their views known. Because the Council is in session, this can only be done in person at the meeting in Rohnert Park, California. The meeting is taking place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma, One Doubletree Drive, Rohnert Park.

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On the Web

- Council votes to close 2015-2016 Pacific Sardine Fishery: <http://tinyurl.com/mj35crm>
- Pacific Fishery Management Council: <http://www.pcouncil.org>
- Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document (historical information): <http://tinyurl.com/lzs3f2n>