



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2015

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

FROM: Mike Burner, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: April Council Meeting

In conjunction with the April Council meeting, the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), Salmon Technical Team (STT), and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will meet on Friday, April 10, 2015, beginning at 8 a.m. The meetings will be held in Chardonnay, Bodega, and Cotati Rooms, respectively, of the Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma, Rohnert Park, California.

The Council will start the salmon agenda on Saturday afternoon (April 11) and continue through Wednesday afternoon (April 16). Incidental catch of Pacific halibut in the troll fishery will be finalized on Tuesday, and habitat issues will be covered Saturday, April 11.

The main salmon issue before the Council will be adopting final management measure recommendations for 2015 ocean fisheries (Agenda Items D.1, D.3, D.4, and D.5). The STT will join the SAS meeting Friday morning and respond to technical questions regarding the 2015 fishery alternatives as presented in Preseason Report II. The SAS should have its preliminary management measures completed in time to allow editing, collation, and copying in the Council Secretariat. We would like your final input as soon as possible, but no later than 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Please work with the Council staff to coordinate your efforts.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will report to the Council on the potential topics for methodology review Saturday afternoon. The SAS may wish to make recommendations to both the SSC and Council on reviews or revisions which should be initiated. The SSC will cover this issue with the STT at its meeting at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 10. The SAS should consider sending a representative to the SSC meeting, if possible, to report back to the full SAS. The MEW will meet Friday morning to discuss potential methodology review topics, and will join the SSC meeting at 1 p.m. to report on their recommendations. Because several members of the MEW are also on the STT or SSC, the MEW meeting will need to be flexible to accommodate the needs of all.

The Council will receive an update on current habitat issues on Saturday morning. The Habitat Committee is meeting Friday at 8:30 a.m. Jim Hie will provide a summary of that meeting to the SAS.

Pacific halibut is on the Council's agenda for Tuesday, April 14. The SAS will need to recommend landing restrictions for the troll salmon fisheries to allow utilization of the incidental halibut harvest.

The Council will consider future Council Meeting Agendas and adopt the June Council meeting agenda on Thursday, April 16. The SAS and STT may want to request topics for that meeting.

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 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 C.1 – Habitat Issues
3. Agenda Item D.1 through D.5 – Salmon Management
4. Agenda Items E.3 – Groundfish Management
5. Agenda Item F.2 and F.5 – Council Administrative Matters
6. Agenda Item I.1 – Enforcement Issues
7. Proposed SSC Agenda
8. Proposed HC Agenda
9. Proposed EC Agenda
10. Proposed SAS Agenda
11. Proposed STT Agenda
12. Proposed MEW Agenda
13. Preseason Report II
14. Hotel-related Information