



Pacific Fishery Management Council
MEETING NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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**Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold Meeting in June 2015 to
Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries**

June 10-16, 2015 Meeting

The Council and its advisory bodies will meet June 10-16, 2015 in Spokane, Washington to address issues related to groundfish, coastal pelagic species, highly migratory species, ecosystem management, and habitat matters.

Key agenda items for the June meeting include Council considerations to:

- Refine alternatives for blackgill and slope rockfish quota share allocation.
- Approve final stock assessments and catch reports for 2017-2018 management of groundfish.
- Consider inseason adjustments to the current groundfish fishery.
- Adopt harvest specifications and management measure for the Pacific mackerel fisheries in 2015-2017.
- Provide recommendations to the U.S. Delegations to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the 11th Northern Committee meetings.
- Consider swordfish management and alternatives for monitoring plan hardcaps.

A complete list of issues proposed to be addressed is provided in the attached draft proposed meeting agenda, including advisory group meetings listed on the last pages. Copies of briefing materials prepared for the meeting can be found on our briefing book webpage <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-briefing-book/> on or around **May 27, 2015**.

Meeting Arrangements and Public Comment Guidelines

All meetings are open to the public, except for a closed executive session scheduled for 8 AM on Friday, June 12 to discuss litigation and personnel matters. For more information on the meetings, refer to the attached proposed agenda for the June meeting and information on the Council website <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-meeting/> or by calling the Council office at 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204 toll-free.

The public is encouraged to comment, either verbally at the meeting or in writing. Timing of agenda items may change as the meeting progresses, and items not completed on the scheduled day will be carried over to later in the meeting, usually the next day.

Oral Public Comments

Oral public comments will be accepted during the meeting prior to action on each agenda item.

Written Public Comments

- Written public comments are accepted by the Council at any time. However, the public is encouraged to submit written comments as far in advance of the meeting as possible.
- **For the June meeting**, comments received by 11:59 p.m. **May 14, 2015** will be included in the briefing books mailed to Council members prior to the meeting. Comments received after May 14 but by 11:59 p.m. **June 3, 2015** will be distributed to Council members at the onset of the meeting.
- If you cannot meet the latter deadlines for each meeting, but would like your written comments distributed to Council members when you testify at the meeting, please **bring 40 copies to the meeting with the Agenda Item Topic Number in the upper right corner of the front page of each copy**. Refer to the attached agendas for the topic numbers; e.g., Agenda Item B.1 refers to public comment under Open Comment.
- If available, electronic copies of public comment can be submitted to pfmc.comments@noaa.gov. Electronic copies facilitate posting to our website.

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The Council meeting will also be live-streamed on the internet beginning at 9:00 AM Pacific Time (PT) Friday, June 12, 2015 through Tuesday, June 16, 2015. Broadcasts end daily at 6:00 PM PT *or when business for the day is complete*. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion is listen-only; you will be unable to speak to the Council via the broadcast. To access the meeting online please use the following link: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar> and enter the June Webinar ID **159-274-491** and your email address. The online attendance can be done using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, using the GoToMeeting application. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio portion only of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by dialing the toll number **1-646-307-1720**; phone audio access code **574-408-270** (not a toll-free number).

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230th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council June 10-16, 2015



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Schedule of Ancillary Meetings begins on page 6.

Refer to the Schedule of Ancillary Meetings beginning on page 6 for a complete list of technical and administrative committees, advisory bodies, work groups, state delegations, and special sessions scheduled throughout the week of June 10-16, 2015.

Proposed Detailed Agenda begins on the next page.

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda. However, please note that the timing--including the day--of the agenda items may change based on the time required for prior agenda items, and the order may change as required to effectively address the issues.

Wednesday June 10 and Thursday June 11	Friday June 12	Saturday June 13	Sunday June 14	Monday June 15	Tuesday June 16
A listing of times and locations for Advisory Body meetings begins on page 6	Closed Session	Groundfish	Highly Migratory Species	Groundfish	Groundfish
	Call to Order				Coastal Pelagic Species
	Open Comment				
	Habitat	Highly Migratory Species		Administrative	Administrative
Groundfish	Groundfish				
		Groundfish			

Council Action “to adopt,” implies consideration to adopt; i.e., adoption is not mandatory.



230th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council

June 10-16, 2015

Proposed Detailed AGENDA

Friday, June 12, 2015

8:00 AM Salon IV & V Ballroom

Closed Executive Session

This session is closed to all except Council members, their designees, and others designated by the Council Chair to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

9:00 AM

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks Dorothy Lowman, Chair
2. Roll Call Don McIsaac
3. Executive Director's Report Don McIsaac
4. Agenda Dorothy Lowman
 - a. **Council Action:** Approve Agenda

B. Open Comment Period

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items Chuck Tracy
 - a. Advisory Body and Management Entity Comments
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion as Appropriate

C. Habitat

1. Current Habitat Issues Jennifer Gilden
 - a. Report of the Habitat Committee Fran Recht
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations

D. Groundfish Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report (NMFS) Kelly Ames
 - a. Regulatory Activities Frank Lockhart
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities John Stein, Cisco Werner
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion
2. Permit Stacking Cost Recovery Report Jim Seger
 - a. NMFS Cost Recovery Report Frank Lockhart
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider any Necessary Action Based on the Cost Recovery Report

Friday, June 12, 2015 (continued)

D. Groundfish Management (continued)

3. Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Reconsultation Update Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Recommendations on Consultation Standards for Groundfish Fisheries
 4. Non-Salmon ESA Report Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review Pacific Coast Groundfish and Endangered Species Workgroup Recommendations and Identify Measures to be Evaluated for the 2017-2018 Biennial Management Period or Other Appropriate Actions
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Saturday, June 13, 2015

8:00 AM Salon IV & V Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

5. Commencing Remarks

D. Groundfish Management (continued)

5. Specifications Process for 2017-2018 Fisheries Kelly Ames, Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Process for Specifications and Management Measures for 2017-2018 Fisheries
6. Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat and Rockfish Conservation Area Update Kelly Ames, Kerry Griffin
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Guidance

E. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. International Issues including Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Meeting and North Pacific Albacore Management Strategy Evaluation Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Develop Recommendations to the U.S. Delegations to the 89th IATTC Meeting and the 11th Northern Committee Meeting

D. Groundfish Management (continued)

7. Inseason Adjustments Kelly Ames
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Inseason Adjustments and Adopt Discard Mortality Rates for Skates

Sunday, June 14, 2015

8:00 AM Salon IV & V Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

6. Commencing Remarks

E. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)

2. Final Approval of Resubmitted Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Application Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Recommendations to NMFS Regarding Approval of Resubmitted EFP
 3. Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps Kit Dahl
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Swordfish Management Plan and Refine Alternatives for Monitoring Plan Hardcaps
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Monday, June 15, 2015

8:00 AM Salon IV & V Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

7. Commencing Remarks

D. Groundfish Management (continued)

8. Final Stock Assessments and Catch Reports John DeVore
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Approve Final Stock Assessments and Catch Reports for 2017-2018 Management
9. Blackgill and Slope Rockfish Quota Share Allocation John DeVore
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Refine Alternatives for Blackgill and Slope Rockfish Quota Share Allocation

F. Administrative Matters

1. Legislative Matters Jennifer Gilden
 - a. Report of the Legislative Committee Dave Hanson
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider the Report and Recommendations of the Legislative Committee
2. Fiscal Matters Chuck Tracy
 - a. Report of the Budget Committee Dave Ortmann
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Budget Committee Recommendations

Monday, June 15, 2015 (continued)

F. Administrative Matters (continued)

3. Approval of Council Meeting Record Dorothy Lowman
 - a. **Council Action:** Approve Previous Council Meeting Records
 4. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Chuck Tracy
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures
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Tuesday, June 16, 2015

8:00 AM Salon IV & V Ballroom

A. Call to Order (reconvene)

8. Commencing Remarks

D. Groundfish Management (continued)

10. Rebuilding Revision Rules John DeVore
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Alternatives for Stock Rebuilding Revision Rules

G. Coastal Pelagic Species

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report Kerry Griffin
 - a. Regulatory Activities Frank Lockhart
 - b. Fisheries Science Center Activities Gerard DiNardo
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. Council Discussion
2. Pacific Mackerel Assessment and Management Measures Kerry Griffin
 - a. Stock Assessment Report Kevin Hill
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt Stock Assessment and Final Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Fisheries
3. Anchovy Update Kerry Griffin
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion
4. Litigation Settlement Discussion Kerry Griffin
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Council Actions and Scheduling Needed in Response to the *Oceana v. Pritzker* Court Settlement Agreement

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 (continued)

H. Ecosystem Management

1. Lenfest Taskforce and Ocean Modeling Forum Update Kerry Griffin
 - a. Report of Lenfest Taskforce and Ocean Modeling Forum Phil Levin
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Discussion

F. Administrative Matters (continued)

5. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning Don McIsaac
 - a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1—Wednesday, June 10, 2015	Time	Room
Scientific and Statistical Committee		
Groundfish Subcommittee	8:00 AM	Salon II

Day 2—Thursday, June 11, 2015	Time	Room
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	Suite B
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8:00 AM	Salon II
Budget Committee	8:30 AM	Suite A
Habitat Committee	8:30 AM	Salon III
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	10:00 AM	Suite C and D
Council Secretariat	11:00 AM	Salon I
Legislative Committee	3:00 PM	Suite A

Day 3—Friday, June 12, 2015	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	Suite C & D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon III
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Suite C and D
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	Suite B
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Parkside I and II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Evergreen
Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)	8:00 AM	Salon II
Enforcement Consultants	3:00 PM	Executive Boardroom
Chairman’s Reception	6:00 PM	Grand Foyer

Day 4—Saturday, June 13, 2015	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	Suite C and D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon III
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	Salon I
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Suite C and D
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	Suite B
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Parkside I and II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Evergreen
SSC Groundfish and Economics Subcommittees	8:00 AM	Salon II
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Executive Boardroom
Stock Assessment Question and Answer Session	7:00 PM	Salon IV and V Ballroom

Day 5—Sunday, June 14, 2015	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	Suite C and D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon III
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	Salon I
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	Suite B
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Parkside I and II
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Evergreen
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	9:30 AM	Suite C and D
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Executive Boardroom

Day 6—Monday, June 15, 2015	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	Suite C and D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon III
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	Salon I
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Parkside I and II
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Evergreen
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Suite C and D
Groundfish Management Team	8:00 AM	Suite B
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Executive Boardroom

Day 7—Tuesday, June 16, 2015	Time	Room
California State Delegation	7:00 AM	Suite C and D
Oregon State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon II
Washington State Delegation	7:00 AM	Salon III
Council Secretariat	7:00 AM	Salon I
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8:00 AM	Parkside I and II
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8:00 AM	Evergreen
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc	Executive Boardroom

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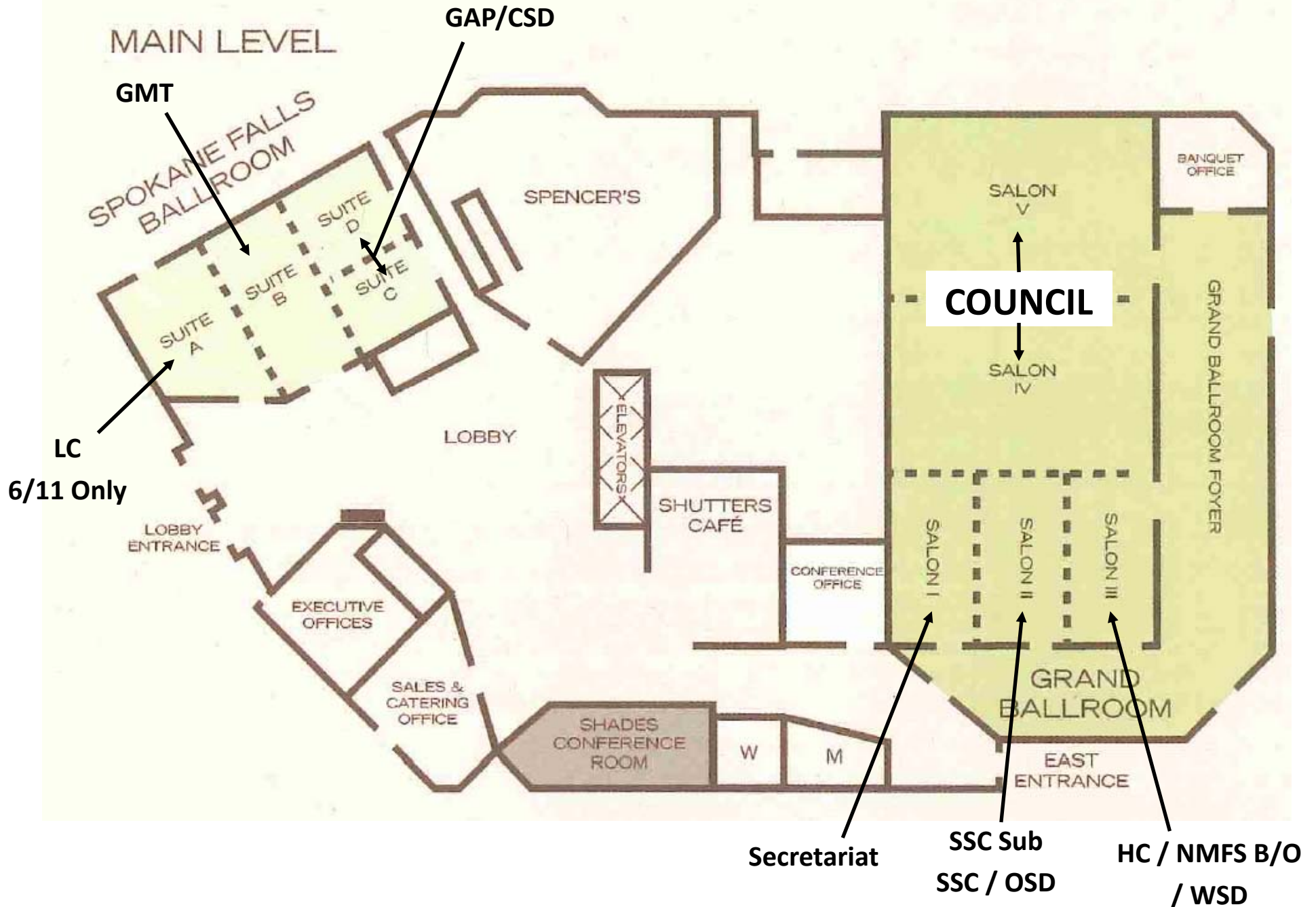
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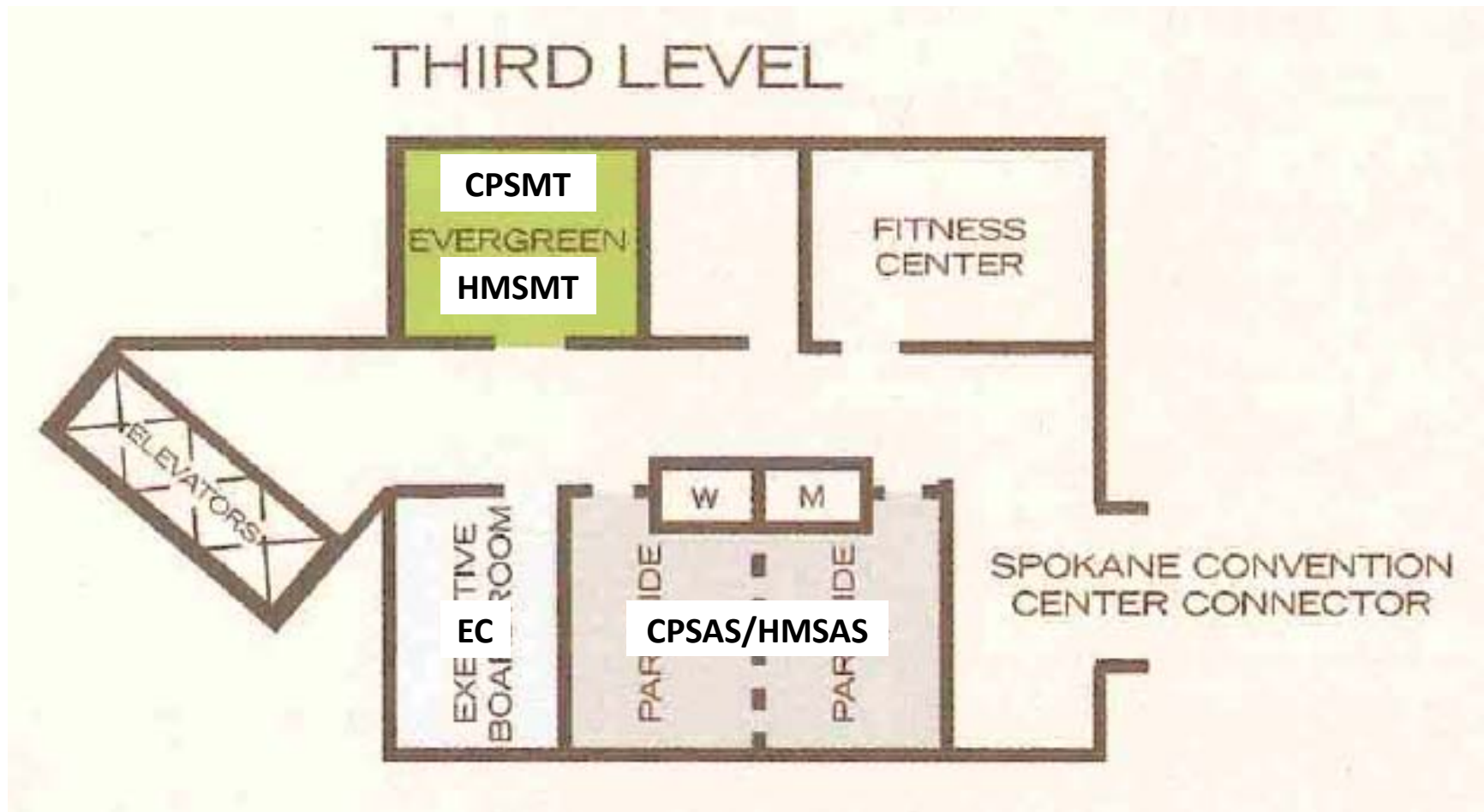
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PROPOSED PACIFIC COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, JUNE 10-16, 2015 IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Acronyms	Fri, June 12	Sat, June 13	Sun, June 14	Mon, June 15	Tues, June 16
<p><i>COP: Council Operating Procedures</i> <i>CPSAS/MT: Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt Team</i> <i>EC: Enforcement Consultants</i> <i>ED: Executive Director</i> <i>EFP: Exempted Fishing Permit</i> <i>EM: Electronic Monitoring</i> <i>ESA: Endangered Species Act</i> <i>FPA: Final Preferred Alternative</i> <i>GAP/GMT: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel /Mgmt Team</i> <i>GF: Groundfish</i> <i>HC: Habitat Committee</i> <i>HMSAS/MT: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel/Mgmt Team</i> <i>PPA: Preliminary Preferred Alternative</i> <i>RCA: Rockfish Conservation Areas</i> <i>ROA: Range of Alternatives</i></p>	<p>8 AM CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION Discuss Litigation & Personnel Issues (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>9 AM A. CALL TO ORDER 1-4. Opening Remarks, Roll Call, ED Report, Approve Agenda (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>B. OPEN COMMENT 1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items (30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>C. HABITAT 1. Current Habitat Issues (1 Hr 15 min)</p> <hr/> <p>D. GROUND FISH 1. NMFS Report (1 hr) 2. Permit Stacking Cost Recovery Rpt (1 hr) 3. Salmon ESA Reconsultation Update (45 min) 4. Non-Salmon ESA Report (2 hr)</p>	<p>D. GROUND FISH 5. Adopt 2017-2018 Spex Process (1 hr 30 min) 6. Essential Fish Habitat and RCA Update (1 hr 30 min)</p> <hr/> <p>E. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES 1. International Issues Including IATTC Meeting and Albacore Management Strategy Evaluation (3 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>D. GROUND FISH 7. Consider Inseason Adjustments-(2 hr)</p>	<p>E. HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES 2. Resubmitted EFP Final Approval (3 hr) 3. Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan Hardcaps (5 hr)</p> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Time estimates are approximate; not reliable for planning attendance or participation.</p> </div>	<p>D. GROUND FISH 8. Adopt Final Stock Assessments and Catch Reports (3 hr) 9. Blackgill and Slope Rockfish Quota Share Allocation (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>F. ADMINISTRATIVE 1. Legislative Committee (2 hrs) 2. Fiscal Matters (30 min) 3. Approve Council Minutes (15 min) 4. Membership Appointments & COPs (15 min)</p>	<p>D. GROUND FISH 10. Rebuilding Revision Rules ROA (2 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>G. COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES 1. NMFS Report (30 min) 2. Pacific Mackerel Assessment and Management Measures FPA (1 hr 30 min) 3. Anchovy Update (45 min) 4. Litigation Settlement Discussion (45 min)</p> <hr/> <p>H. ECOSYSTEM 1. Lenfest Taskforce and Ocean Modeling Forum Update (1 hr)</p> <hr/> <p>F. ADMINISTRATIVE 5. Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning (1 hr 30 min)</p>
Wed, June 10					
8 am SSC GF Subcommittee					
Thu, June 11	8 hr	8 hr	8 hr	8 hr	8 hr
11 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am GMT 8:30 am HC 8:30 am BC 10 am GAP 3 pm LC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am SSC 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT 3 pm EC 6 pm Chair's Reception	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am SSC GF & Econ Subcommittees 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT Ad Hoc EC 7 pm Stock Assessment Q&A	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GMT 8 am HMSAS & HMSMT 9:30 am GAP Ad Hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am GAP & GMT 8 am CPSAS & CPSMT Ad Hoc EC	7 am State Delegations 8 am Secretariat 8 am CPSAS & CPSMT Ad Hoc EC

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