

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

This agenda item is intended to refine general planning for future Council meetings, especially in regard to finalizing the proposed agenda for the September 2016 Council Meeting. The following primary attachments are intended to help the Council in this process:

1. An abbreviated display of potential agenda items for the next full year (Attachment 1).
2. A preliminary proposed September 2016 Council meeting agenda (Attachment 2).
3. An update on groundfish issues for prioritization purposes (Attachment 3).

Because the number of potential topics for the September and November meetings exceed the 5½ day target for Council meeting length, a thorough discussion of future planning challenges should be anticipated.

Council Operating Procedure 9 specifies that in June of the even-numbered years (e.g., 2016) the Council engages in a prioritization and implementation process, referred to as the omnibus, for new groundfish fishery management measures. Under Agenda Item G.6, Omnibus Groundfish Workload Planning, the Council is scheduled to adopt a draft schedule and prioritized list of new management measures to be analyzed outside of the biennial harvest specifications and management measures process. Under this Agenda Item, the Council and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff will report on the staff resources available to accomplish the Council's priorities. For actions to be implemented by the start of 2018, alternatives for analysis will have to be finalized at the November 2016 Council meeting and final action taken by April 2017.

The Acting Executive Director will assist the Council in reviewing the proposed agenda materials and discuss any other matters relevant to Council meeting agendas and workload. After considering supplemental material provided at the Council meeting, and any reports and comments from advisory bodies and public, the Council will provide guidance for future agenda development, a proposed September Council meeting agenda, and workload priorities for Council staff and advisory bodies.

Council Action:

- 1. Review pertinent information and provide guidance on potential agenda topics for future Council meetings.**
- 2. Provide final guidance on a proposed agenda for the September Council meeting.**
- 3. Identify priorities for advisory body considerations at the next Council meeting.**
- 4. Adopt a draft schedule and prioritized list of new Groundfish management measures to be analyzed outside of the harvest specifications and management measures process.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 1: Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary.

2. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 14-20, 2016 in Boise, Idaho.
3. Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 3: Groundfish Workload Priorities.

Agenda Order:

- F.6 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning Chuck Tracy
- 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, Including Prioritized Groundfish Omnibus Regulatory Issues

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