

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 April 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 April 2016 Council meeting agenda (Attachment 2).
3. An update on groundfish issues for prioritization purposes (Attachment 3).

As has been the case in recent years, at the November Council meeting March and April Council meeting planning was done in a package nature due to the short time between the March and April Council meetings. Thus, any changes to the proposed April agenda should be very limited and should not significantly change the timing of key agenda items and advisory body meetings.

Additionally, because of the very full nature of the March 2016 draft agenda (six full eight-hour days) a limited amount of time was allocable to the topic of future meeting planning over the course of the year after the April Council meeting. While a Year-at-a-Glance summary is included for this agenda item, and opportunistically there may be time for meaningful Council discussion, 2.5 hours is scheduled for the April Council meeting for a more thorough discussion of planning challenges for the June, September, and November 2016 Council meetings.

The 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 April 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 April Council meeting.**
- 3. Identify priorities for advisory body considerations at the next Council meeting.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 1: Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary.
2. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 2: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 8-14, 2016 in Vancouver, Washington.
3. Agenda Item I.3, Attachment 3: Groundfish Workload Priorities.
4. Agenda Item I.3.a, NMFS Report 1: NMFS' West Coast Region Recreational Fisheries Implementation Plan for 2016-2018.

Agenda Order:

- I.3 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning Don McIsaac
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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