



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18, 2016
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: John DeVore
SUBJECT: March 2016 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet March 8-14, 2016 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Tuesday, March 8 starting at 8 a.m. in the Terrace Room and Wednesday, March 9 starting at 8 a.m. in the California Salon B Room. The SSC Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee will meet Thursday, March 10 starting at 8 a.m. in the Capitol Salon B Room to review a new update assessment for Pacific sardine. Your meeting materials are enclosed, and include additional items that are not on the SSC agenda.

Council Administrative Matters

There are three nominations the SSC will review. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region has nominated Ms. Karen Palmigiano to replace Mr. Colby Brady on the Groundfish Management Team (GMT). The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has nominated Mr. Patrick Mirick to replace Mr. Dan Erickson on the GMT. The NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center has nominated Dr. Kym Jacobson to fill the seat vacated by Dr. Robert Emmett on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT). The SSC will be in closed session for this discussion.

The SSC will review their potential workload in the next year and may recommend to the Council which tasks are prioritized.

Ecosystem Management

The SSC will review the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment State of the California Current report and provide their recommendations to the Council on the use and future content of this report.

The SSC will consider issues relevant to the Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative and will provide their recommendations on this initiative to the Council in June.

Salmon Management

The SSC will review the 2015 Fisheries and Summary of 2016 Stock Abundance Forecasts and recommend to the Council whether this report is the best available science and can be used in modeling 2016 ocean salmon fisheries, specifying acceptable biological catches, and setting annual catch limits.

The SSC will receive an update from Mike Burner on progress to date in revising the base period in the Chinook Fishery Regulation Evaluation Model (FRAM). The SSC will recommend to the Council the best available science to be used in 2016 salmon management decision-making based on this update.

The SSC will review salmon test fishery proposals received at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Groundfish Management

The Council is scheduled to take final action at this meeting on proposed gear regulation changes for the Trawl Catch Share Program. The SSC will review these gear change initiatives and make recommendations for ensuring the soundness of fishery-dependent data that will inform future stock assessments and other analyses that are used to inform management decisions.

The SSC will receive a presentation from Dr. Jim Hastie on criteria and a process to decide future stock assessment priorities. The SSC will provide their comments to Dr. Hastie to develop a more robust package of assessment prioritization criteria for the April Council meeting.

Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

JDD:rdd

Enclosures include:

Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item I.2 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
3. Agenda Item I.3 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Ecosystem Management

4. Agenda Item D.1 – California Current Ecosystem Report Including Integrated Ecosystem Assessment
5. Agenda Item D.2 – Update on Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative

Salmon Management

6. Agenda Item E.2 – Review of 2015 Fisheries and Summary of 2016 Stock Abundance Forecasts
7. Agenda Item E.3 – Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment (FRAM) Co-manager Update
8. Agenda Item E.4 – Identify Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2016 Salmon Management Alternatives Including Test Fishery Alternatives

Groundfish Management

9. Agenda Item G.8 – Changes to Trawl Catch Share Program Gear Regulations – Final Action

SSC Agenda, Draft SSC Minutes, Closed Session, etc.

10. March 2016 SSC CPS Subcommittee Agenda
11. March 2016 SSC Agenda
12. Draft November 2015 SSC Minutes
13. PowerPoint Summarizing the SSC Process (*Informational for the SSC only*)
14. Informational Reports
15. Hotel-Related Information
16. Roster