

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 June 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 June 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 June, September, and November meetings will exceed the 5½ day target for Council meeting length, a thorough discussion of future planning challenges should be anticipated. Highly Migratory Species (HMS) agenda items are particularly problematic, and since the HMS advisory bodies are not meeting at this meeting, the HMS Management Team and HMS Advisory Subpanel statements from the March 2016 Future Council Meeting and Workload Planning agenda item are attached (Agenda Item C.7, Attachments 4 and 5). The Southwest Fisheries Science Center has also requested consideration for Council floor time in June to provide comments on the Western Regional Action Plan for implementing the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) National Climate Science Strategy (Agenda Item C.7.a, NMFS Report).

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

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1: Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary.
2. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, June 23-28, 2016 in Tacoma, Washington.
3. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 3: Groundfish Workload Priorities.
4. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 4: Supplemental HMSMT Report, March 2016: Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel Report on Future Council Meeting and Workload Planning.

5. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 5: Supplemental HMSAS Report, March 2016: Highly Migratory Species Management Team Report on Future Council Meeting and Workload Planning.
6. Agenda Item C.7.a, NMFS Report, April 2016: Western Regional Action Plan (WRAP) for implementing the NMFS National Climate Science Strategy (NCSS).
7. Agenda Item C.7.b, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

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| C.7 | 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 | |

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