



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2016

TO: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Management Team, and Groundfish Interested Persons

FROM: Brett Wiedoff, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2016 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 21-28, 2016 at the Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98402. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22 in the Pavilion E room. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22 in the Pavilion C room.

The Council is scheduled to consider several important groundfish agenda items and related matters of interest, including:

- Matters raised during the open comment period;
 - Current habitat matters;
 - Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan Changes for 2017 in Area 2A;
 - Legislative matters;
 - Reports from the West Coast Region and Northwest Fisheries Science Center;
 - Adopt a range of alternatives and consider identifying a preliminary preferred alternative for at-sea fishery sector allocations for Pacific Ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish including a decision on new allocations or set-asides;
 - Final action on Exempted Fishing Permit approval for 2017-2018;
 - Adopt final preferred management measures for 2017-2018 fisheries;
 - Provide guidance on the development of the West Coast Trawl Catch Share Program review;
 - Develop a preliminary omnibus priority list of groundfish issues for workload planning purposes, and provide additional guidance as appropriate;
 - Adopt inseason adjustments;
 - Adopt final list and schedule of groundfish stocks for assessment in 2017, the stock assessment and methodology review Terms Of Reference (TOR) for groundfish and coastal pelagic species, and the rebuilding TOR for overfished groundfish stocks, as necessary;
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- Provide comments and recommendations on the Western Region Climate Change Action Plan;
- Final action on Trawl Catch Share Program gear use regulations for fishing in multiple management areas;
- Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures; and
- Future Council meeting agenda and workload planning.

This mailing includes the enclosures listed below. Please review these briefing materials in advance to facilitate an efficient meeting week. As always, all briefing materials are also available on the web at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-meeting/>.

Thank you for your commitment to the Council process and management of Pacific groundfish fisheries.

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Enclosures include:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item C – Habitat Matters
4. Agenda Item E – Pacific Halibut Management
5. Agenda Item F – Administrative Matters
6. Agenda Item G – Groundfish Management
7. EC Agenda
8. GAP Agenda
9. GMT Agenda
10. SSC Agenda and Draft Minutes
11. Informational Reports
12. Hotel-related Information
13. Council Roster

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