

**COUNCIL MEETING RECORD**  
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## INTRODUCTION

This document contains or identifies the various elements, documents, and sources comprising the complete and official record of Council meeting discussions and actions. In addition to the Meeting Summary, which follows this introductory section (see #7 below), it includes information or references that serve as the functional detailed minutes for this Council meeting as required by §302(i)(2)(E) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The full record is maintained at the Council office, is available on the Council website (<http://www.pcouncil.org/>) or upon request from the Council office, and consists of the following:

1. **Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda** – These documents are available on the Council Website prior to and following each meeting at <http://www.pcouncil.org/>.
2. **Attendance Records** – These documents are available for the Council meeting and each advisory body meeting by request from the Council office.
3. **All Documents, Reports, and Presentations for Council Consideration** – These items include (1) all documents produced or received for the meeting briefing book, validated by a label assigned by the Council Secretariat and distributed to Council Members; (2) written public comments received at the Council meeting in accordance with agenda labeling requirements; and (3) electronic material or handout materials used in presentations to Council Members during the open session. They are available from links in the Meeting Summary of this document or at <https://www.pcouncil.org/council-meetings/previous-meetings/>.
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7. **Meeting Summary** (immediately follows this section) – The Meeting Summary lists, in agenda item order, the briefing book documents, reports, presentations, and Council motions and actions, including a brief summary from the Council Decisions Summary Document for each agenda item. It constitutes the meeting record formally approved by the Council. The agenda heading for each agenda item, and most listed documents, serve as internet links to the actual briefing book documents. Internet links in brackets (e.g., [[mp3: 11-11-14pm1 @01:21:15](#)]) refer to the audio recording and elapsed time on the recording at which the agenda item was initiated. Links to the audio recordings are annotated by agenda item and may also be accessed at <https://www.pcouncil.org/council-meetings/previous-meetings/>.

## MEETING SUMMARY

### A. Call to Order [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1](#) 0:00:04]

#### 1. Opening Remarks - Dorothy Lowman, Chair

Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Council Chair, called the 235<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 1:00 p.m. on June 23, 2016. A closed session was held before this open session to discuss litigation and personnel matters, and additional closed session will be held at 8 a.m. on June 28th.

#### 2. Roll Call – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1](#) 0:00:36]

##### Council Members present during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Frank Lockhart, designee Mr. Bob Turner, designee Ms. Heidi Taylor, designee
Washington State Official:	Mr. Kyle Adicks, designee Ms. Michele Culver, designee Mr. Corey Niles, designee
Washington Obligatory:	Mr. Rich Lincoln
Oregon State Official:	Dr. Caren Braby, designee Ms. Maggie Sommer, designee
Oregon Obligatory:	Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair
California State Official:	Ms. Briana Brady, designee Ms. Joanna Grebel, designee Ms. Marci Yaremko, designee
California Obligatory:	Mr. David Crabbe
Idaho State Official:	Mr. Peter Hassemer, designee
Idaho Obligatory:	Mr. Herb Pollard, Vice Chair
Tribal Official:	Mr. David Sones, designee
At-Large:	Mr. Phil Anderson Mr. William L. “Buzz” Brizendine Mr. Jeff Feldner Mr. Dan Wolford
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission:	Dr. David Hanson, Parliamentarian, nonvoting designee
U.S. Coast Guard:	LCDR Gregg Casad, nonvoting designee Brian Corrigan, nonvoting designee
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:	Dr. Steven Haeseker, nonvoting designee

##### Absent from the Meeting:

Alaska State Official:	Mr. Charles Swanton, nonvoting designee
U.S. State Department:	Mr. David Hogan, nonvoting designee

**3. [Acting Executive Director's Report](#) – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1 0:06:23](#)]**

Mr. Chuck Tracy reported on [Agenda Item A.3, Attachment 1](#): Council Coordination Committee Meeting, May 24-26, 2016 Meeting Agenda, and commented on the Informational Reports.

**4. [Agenda](#) – Dorothy Lowman [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1 0:20:25](#)]**

**a. Council Action: Approve Agenda**

**Motion:** Adopt Agenda Item A.4, June 21-28, 2016 Council Meeting Agenda with the addition of an additional closed session after the regular business on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

David Crabbe/David Sones (Motion carried unanimously)

**B. Open Comment Period**

**1. [Comments on Non-Agenda Items](#) [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1 0:21:35](#)]**

**a. Advisory Body and Management Entity**

[Agenda Item B.1.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#): Report on a Proposal to Designate California's Seamounts, Ridges, and Banks a National Monument

[Agenda Item B.1.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 2](#): Report on Coordinating Council Meetings with International Meetings

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1 0:34:52](#)]**

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Public Comment 1](#): Letter from Sportfishing Association of California regarding descending device usage

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Public Comment 2](#): Letter from PSLCFA regarding proposed Chumash Heritage NMS

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Public Comment 3](#): Email from Vince Martinis to Senator Murray regarding Puget Sound salmon fishery management

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Public Comment 4](#): Email from Robert Moxley regarding Buoy 10 salmon fishery management

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Public Comment 5](#): Three emails regarding appreciation protecting unmanaged forage fish in the California Current Ecosystem)

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Public Comment 6](#): Letter from Julia Peng regarding overfishing

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment 7](#): Oceana Proposal Overview and Update: Comprehensive Conservation Alternative to Modify U.S. West Coast Groundfish EFH Conservation and Management, June 14, 2016

Mr. Ben Enticknap and Ms. Erin Kincaid, Oceana presented [Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint](#): Essential Fish Habitat Proposal Overview & Update (Oceana)

Mr. Mike Conroy presented [Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment 9](#): Mike Conroy; Re: The Case for Protecting California's Seamounts, Ridges and Banks

Mr. Bill James presented [Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment 8](#): Email from Bill James regarding Yelloweye Rockfish concerns

**c. Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1 1:01:28](#)]**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None



## C. Habitat

### 1. [Current Habitat Issues](#) – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1](#) 1:04:30]

[Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1](#): Final letter to Bureau of Reclamation

[Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 2](#): Fact sheet on West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia  
Science Panel findings

#### a. **Report of the Habitat Committee** – Eric Wilkins [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1](#) 1:05:19]

[Agenda Item C.1.a, Supplemental HC Report](#)

#### b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

None

#### c. **Public Comment**

None

#### d. **Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations** [[mp3: 6-23-16pm1](#) 1:12:15]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

## D. Highly Migratory Species Management

### 1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-23-16pm2](#) 0:00:06]

#### a. **Regulatory Activities** – Heidi Taylor [[mp3: 6-23-16pm2](#) 0:02:06]

[Agenda Item D.1.a, NMFS Report](#): NMFS Report on Regulatory Matters

[Agenda Item D.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): HMS Activities

#### b. **Fisheries Science Center Activities** – Cisco Werner [[mp3: 6-23-16pm2](#) 0:06:52]

[Agenda Item D.1.b, Supplemental SWFSC PowerPoint](#): Highly Migratory Species SWFSC/NMFS  
Report (Gerard DiNardo/Cisco Werner)

#### c. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

None

#### d. **Public Comment**

None

#### e. **Council Discussion**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

2. **International Issues Including Eastern Pacific Ocean Swordfish Status, Report of the North Pacific Albacore management Strategy Evaluation Workshop, and Recommendations for the 12<sup>th</sup> Northern Committee Meeting – Kit Dahl [mp3: 6-23-16pm2 0:26:22]**

[Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1](#): July 14, 2015, letter from Will Stelle to Dorothy Lowman EPO Swordfish Overfishing

[Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 2](#): Resolution C-14-06, Measures for the Conservation and Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, 2015-2016

[Agenda Item D.2, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): 90th Meeting of the IATTC – proposals submitted by the United States

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [mp3: 6-23-16pm2 0:37:46] & [mp3: 6-23-16pm3 0:00:06]**

[Agenda Item D.2.a, NMFS Report](#): International Issues

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): NMFS Report of the International Management of HMS

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 3](#): Minutes of the Canada-US Albacore Treaty Data Working Group, 04 May 2016

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental SWFSC PowerPoint](#): HMS – International Activities SWFSC Report (DiNardo/Werner)

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental CDFW Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.2.a, REVISED Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

b. **Public Comment [mp3: 6-23-16pm3 0:31:42]**

[Agenda Item D.2.b, Public Comment](#)

[Agenda Item D.2.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

Peter Flourney

Doug Fricke

Bob Osborn

c. **Council Action: 1) Make recommendations to address Eastern Pacific Ocean Swordfish Overfishing per the Requirements in Magnuson-Stevens Act §304(i); 2) Develop Recommendations for the U.S. Delegation to the 12<sup>th</sup> Northern Committee Meeting and Other Forums as Appropriate [mp3: 6-23-16pm3 1:00:41]**

**Motion:** Council to:

1. Move the recommendations of the supplemental HMSMT report (Agenda Item D.2.a) itemized on page 4.
2. Move the recommendations of the supplemental HMSAS report (Agenda Item D.2.a), with the clarification that there is not an expectation that a 500 mt annual catch limit be pursued for the US in the negotiations this year. Also direct Council staff to prepare a letter to M. Tosatto in advance of the August Northern Committee recommending Council support for the measures described in the last paragraph of the HMSAS report.
3. As described in the CDFW report (Agenda Item D.2.a), schedule Council and advisory panel discussion of commercial domestic Bluefin measures for 2017-18, consistent with

the new resolution including trigger points, trip limit management or other terms of how the limit should be taken over the biennial period. Recommendations should be made at the September meeting to allow for inclusion in the final rule effective for January 2017.  
Marci Yaremko/David Crabbe (motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council finalized their response to the Secretary of Commerce determination that the North Pacific swordfish stock in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) is subject to overfishing per Section 304(i) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA). Based on current information, West Coast highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries do not harvest the EPO swordfish stock; therefore, the Council concluded that at this time there is no need for domestic regulations to address the relative impact of fisheries managed under the HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP). As defined in the most recent stock assessment (2014), the EPO stock occurs almost entirely within the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Convention Area, except for a small area within the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Convention Area, and the northern limit of the EPO swordfish stock along the North American west coast is well south of the U.S./Mexico border. The Council directed that the stock definition in the HMS FMP be updated to reflect this updated stock distribution information (see Initial Scoping of Biennial Specifications, below). EPO swordfish catch is mostly caught by longline fishing vessels from Japan, Spain, China, Korea, and Taiwan, which together accounted for over 9,200 mt of the total 9,910 mt harvest in the EPO in 2012. The Council therefore recommended that the U.S. Section to the IATTC support measures that eliminate overfishing, by reducing fishing mortality. The Council will submit this recommendation for international action to the Secretary of State and Congress in addition to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

With respect to U.S. delegations to regional fishery management organizations:

- The Council recommended that the U.S. advance a Pacific-wide approach to rebuilding Pacific bluefin tuna, recognizing that more than 80 percent of the impact on the spawning stock biomass of Pacific bluefin tuna results from Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) fisheries.
- The Council noted the need for the Northern Committee and WCPFC to adopt additional conservation measures for spawning adults of Pacific bluefin tuna and actions designed to reduce mortality of age-0 fish including reducing fishing effort on spawning grounds in the WCPO. This could be accomplished by a time and area closure of known spawning areas.
- The Council encourages the NC and International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species (ISC) Plenary to approve the North Pacific albacore management strategy evaluation (MSE) objectives and associated elements developed in the May 24-25, 2016 ISC MSE workshop. As initial MSE results become available, the Council will recommend additional objectives and/or elements for future analyses.
- The Council directed Council staff to prepare a letter to Mr. Michael Tosatto, head of the U.S. delegation to the 12th Northern Committee meeting, August 29-September 1, 2016, with the above recommendations.
- The Council endorsed the U.S. proposal for Pacific Bluefin tuna to be considered at the 90th meeting of the IATTC. The Council supported the proposed Conservation and Management Measures being presented to the IATTC by the United States (see [Proposal-IATTC-90-F-1](#)).

The Council directed its HMS advisory bodies to discuss domestic commercial fishery management measures for Pacific bluefin in 2017-2018, consistent with any new resolution adopted by the IATTC. Domestic regulations would include trigger points, trip limit management, or other management measures to regulate catch in the 2017-2018 biennial period. Advisory body recommendations will be made at the September Council meeting to allow for inclusion in the final rule, implementing the expected IATTC Resolution on Pacific bluefin tuna, which NMFS will publish to be effective in January 2017.

**3. [Preliminary Approval of New Exempted Fishing Permits \(EFPs\)](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-24-16am1 0:02:10](#)]**

[Agenda Item D.3, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1](#): Exempted Fishing Permit Application from David Stephens

[Agenda Item D.3, Attachment 2](#): Council Operating Procedure 20, Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Highly Migratory Species Fisheries

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-24-16am1 0:06:06](#)]**

[Agenda Item D.3.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.3.a Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.3.a, Supplemental EC Report](#)

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-24-16am1 0:22:20](#)]**

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

Geoff Shester, Oceana

**c. Council Action: Preliminarily Approve New EFPs for Public Review [[mp3: 6-24-16am1 0:27:18](#)]**

**Motion:** Council ask that the EFP applicant revise the application according to the recommendations and comments in the Supplemental HMSMT report (Agenda Item D.3.a) and the Supplemental HMSAS report (Agenda Item D.3.a). Additionally, the EFP application should contain clarifications on tending and monitoring as specified in the EC statement. The revised application would then be considered at the September Council meeting.

Caren Braby/Dan Welford (motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council reviewed one EFP application from Mr. David Stephens to use deep-set buoy gear, which is not currently an authorized gear type under the HMS FMP. The Council requested that the EFP applicant revise the application according to the recommendations and comments in [Agenda Item D.3.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#) and [Agenda Item D.3.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#). Additionally, the EFP application should contain clarifications on tending and monitoring gear as discussed in [Agenda Item D.3.a, Supplemental EC Report](#). The Council will consider the revised application at its September meeting.

4. **Initial Scoping of Biennial Specifications Including Management Reference Points and Management Measures** – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-24-16am1 0:32:20](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-24-16am1 0:38:52](#)]

[Agenda Item D.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report](#): Report on the Center for Biological Diversity's petition for rulemaking regarding Pacific Bluefin Tuna

[Agenda Item D.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.4.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-24-16am1 1:02:00](#)]

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

Peter Flournoy, American Fisheries Research Foundation (?)

Dave Rudie, California Pelagic Fishery Association

[Agenda Item D.4.b, Public Comment](#): EcoCast Real-Time Data Tools for Dynamic Fisheries Management Progress Report June 2016

[Agenda Item D.4.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

[Agenda Item D.4.b, Supplemental Public Comment 3](#)

c. **Council Action: Identify Issues for the Biennial Management Process** [[mp3: 6-24-16am2 0:00:04](#)]

**Motion:** Council task the HMSMT with the three items outlined on page 1 of the HMSMT report (Supplemental HMSMT Report D.4.a), allowing for scheduling flexibility as the HMSMT requested:

1. Revise the FMP to incorporate the housekeeping changes the HMSMT report describes.
2. Clarify MSY, OY and SDC for MUS in the HMS FMP and use the SAFE to report updated values for these reference points.
3. Evaluate NMFS response to CBD's petition for PBF to determine if additional domestic actions are needed.

Caren Braby/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The HMS FMP specifies a biennial management cycle during which Council decision-making occurs at its June, September, and November meetings. The Council started this process at the June meeting for management changes in the next biennial period, beginning April 1, 2017. For this period, the Council tasked the HMS Management Team (HMSMT) to:

1. Make "housekeeping" changes to the HMS FMP to update or correct dated information.
2. Clarify maximum sustainable yield, optimum yield, and status determination criteria for management unit species in the HMS FMP and publish up-to-date values for these reference points in the Stock Assessment Fisheries Evaluation (SAFE) document. This process would dovetail with NMFS' stock status determination process. Further, it could align the process of notifying the Council of stock status findings that trigger action under MSA sections 304(e) and 304(i) (describing Council obligations relative to overfishing and overfished determinations) with the Council's biennial management cycle. The SAFE would also include updated fishery management unit species descriptions, including identifying both the EPO swordfish stock and the Western and Central North Pacific Ocean stock to reflect the most recent (2014) stock assessment and distribution information for those two stocks.

3. Respond to the requests contained in the Center for Biological Diversity's (CBD) petition for additional domestic actions regarding Pacific bluefin tuna that NMFS referred to the Council including the three items outlined on page 1 of the HMSMT report ([Agenda Item D.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)), allowing for scheduling flexibility as the HMSMT requested.

The HMSMT will produce a draft HMS SAFE Report, mark-ups to the HMS FMP, a plan for aligning the biennial management process and NMFS' status determination process, and draft recommendations for a Council response to the CBD bluefin petition for initial consideration at the September Council meeting.

**5. [Deep-Set Buoy Gear and Federal Permit Update](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-24-16am2 0:06:34](#)]**

[Agenda Item D.5, Attachment 1](#): Considerations for Developing Alternatives for Deep-Set Buoy Gear and Federal Permitting of the West Coast Swordfish Fishery

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-24-16am2 0:11:26](#)]**

[Agenda Item D.5.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.a, Supplemental EC Report](#)

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-24-16am2 0:36:48](#)]**

Tara Brock (PEW Charitable Trusts); Theresa Labriola (Wild Oceans) and Donald Krebs (F/V Gold Coast)

Geoff Shester, Oceana presented [Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint 2](#) (Oceana)

Jonathan Gonzalez, VCCFA presented [Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint](#) (Gonzalez)

Doug Karpa, Turtle Island Restoration Network

Gary Burke, CFSB

Melissa Mahoney, Environmental Defense Fund

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Public Comment](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 3](#) (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 4](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 5](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 6](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 7](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 8](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 9](#)

[Agenda Item D.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 10](#)

- c. **Council Action: Provide Guidance on Developing a Range of Alternatives for Authorizing a Federal Deep-Set Buoy Gear Fishery and Federal Permitting of West Coast Swordfish Fisheries** [[mp3: 6-24-16am3 0:00:10](#)] & [[mp3: 6-24-16pm1 0:00:12](#)]

**Motion:** Council move to:

1. Task the HMSMT to develop a range of alternatives for Federal DGN permitting to include the following:
  - A) As of June 1, 2017, only fishers authorized to fish with large-mesh drift gillnet gear under state law would be entitled to a NMFS commercial HMS permit endorsed for drift gillnet.
  - B) Status quo.
2. Task the HMSMT to develop alternatives for authorizing DSBG gear for expanded use under a variety of EFPs, which will aid in developing the DSBG fishery and defining future permit terms and conditions. Agendize consideration of new buoy gear EFPs for any future Council meetings that HMS is otherwise scheduled, if EFP applications are received by the advance briefing book deadline.
3. For the September meeting, task the HMSMT with developing a list of key data gaps and research needs with regard to DSBG to aid prospective EFP applicants in developing applications. Many of these needs have been identified in HMSMT, HMSAS, EC and CDFW statements and public comments in March and June 2016.

Marci Yaremko/David Crabbe

**Amendment 1:** Make the following changes under the second and third bullets (strikeout/underline version):

2. Task to the HMSMT to develop special conditions for a DSBG EFP program for council consideration at the September 2016 council meeting, focusing on three areas: ~~Task the HMSMT to develop alternatives for authorizing DSBG gear for expanded use under a variety of EFPs, which will aid in developing the DSBG fishery and defining future permit terms and conditions.~~
  - a. Agendize consideration of new buoy gear EFPs for any future Council meetings that HMS is otherwise scheduled, if EFP applications are received by the advance briefing book deadline.
  - b. ~~3. For the September meeting, task the HMSMT with developing~~ a list of key data gaps and research needs with regard to DSBG to inform future permit program conditions. The list should also be useful to aid prospective EFP applicants in developing applications. Many of these needs have been identified in HMSMT, HMSAS, EC, and CDFW statements and public comments in March and June 2016.
  - c. outline alternatives to incentivize EFP participation including but not limited to prioritized eligibility of EFP participants in future DSBG permit program.

Caren Braby/Jeff Feldner (Amendment 1 carried unanimously)

**Amendment 2:** Add option C under the first section “reduce the number of permits for instance equal to a number of that have been actively fished with in the last five years.”

Rich Lincoln/Corey Niles (Amendment 2 failed, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Niles, Mr. Hassemer and Mr. Feldner voted yes).



**Amendment 3:** Strike “of June 1, 2017” and replace with “soon as possible after final action” from the first section.

David Crabbe/Buzz Brizendine (Amendment 2 carried unanimously)

(Main Motion, as amended, carried; Mr. Lincoln voted no)

**Staff Summary:** The Council tasked its HMSMT to:

1. Develop a range of alternatives for Federal large mesh drift gillnet gear permitting to include the following:
  - a. As soon as possible after Council final action, only fishers authorized to fish with large-mesh drift gillnet gear under state law would be entitled to a NMFS commercial HMS permit endorsed for drift gillnet
  - b. Status quo
2. Develop special conditions for a deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) EFP program for Council consideration at the September 2016 Council meeting, focusing on three areas:
  - a. Schedule consideration of new buoy gear EFPs for any future Council meetings that HMS is otherwise scheduled.
  - b. Develop a list of key data gaps and research needs with regard to DSBG to inform future permit program conditions. The list should also be useful to aid prospective EFP applicants in developing applications. Many of these needs have been identified in HMSMT, HMS Advisory Subpanel, Enforcement Consultant, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) statements and public comments in March and June 2016.
  - c. Outline alternatives to provide incentives for EFP participation including, but not limited to, prioritized eligibility of EFP participants in potential future DSBG permit program.

The Council clarified that the emphasis on continuing development of a DSBG fishery by issuing EFPs does not replace its intent to develop a range of alternatives to authorize the fishery under the HMS FMP consistent with its guidance in March 2016 ([Agenda Item F.3](#)).

## **E. Pacific Halibut Management**

### **1. [Scoping of Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan Allocation Changes](#) – Kelly Ames**

**[mp3: 6-24-16pm2 0:00:42]**

[Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 1](#): 2016 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A

[Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 2](#): Visual Representation of the 2016 Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan for Pacific Halibut

[Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 3](#): Historical Catch Sharing Plan Allocations and Catch

[Agenda Item E.1, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Table 3. Comparison of Halibut Catches (Table 2 in Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 3) and Preseason Allocations (Table 1 in Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 3) in Net Weight

#### **a. [Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities](#) [mp3: 6-24-16pm2 0:06:24]**

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental IPHC Report](#): Scoping of Pacific Halibut CSP Allocation Changes



[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental ODFW Report](#): Scoping Pacific Halibut CSP Allocation Changes

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental WDFW Report](#): Report on Scoping Halibut CSP Allocation Changes (Puget Sound)

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental SAS Report](#)

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-24-16pm2 0:06:24](#)]**

Scott McBain, Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers presented [Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint](#) (McBain)

Mark Cedergreen, WCBA

Bob Alverson, Fisher Vessel Owners Association

Tom Marking

Doug Fricke – did not testify

[Agenda Item E.1.b. Public Comment](#)

[Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

**c. Council Action: Identify Allocation Issues and Provide Guidance on Developing a Range of Alternatives for 2017 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan Changes [[mp3: 6-24-16pm3 0:00:28](#)]**

**Motion:** Council direct the SSC to undertake an investigation, and report back to the Council not later than our March 2017 meeting, on the status and distribution of the Halibut stocks inside and off the coasts of WA, OR, and CA in order to inform continued Council consideration of CSP allocation alternatives within the context of the incremental process that was initiated in response to recent high recreational harvests of Pacific halibut off southern Oregon and northern California.

Dan Wolford/Marci Yaremko

**Motion (as a Substitute Motion):** Council request the IPHC to investigate methods to make estimates of the spatial distribution of the exploitable biomass in Area 2A. The information would be used to inform the development and potential consideration of changes to the Council's CSP.

Phil Anderson/Michele Culver (Substitute motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council requested that staff contact the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) regarding the possibility of estimating the spatial distribution of the Pacific halibut exploitable biomass in Area 2A. This information would be used to inform future development and potential consideration of changes to the CSP. Staff will report on the discussions with the IPHC at the September 2016 Council meeting.

In September 2016, the Council will consider proposed changes for the 2017 CSP and annual fishery regulations with only minor allocation changes among areas or gear groups, according to the procedures outlined in Council Operating Procedure 9. Final action for establishing the 2017 Pacific halibut fisheries is scheduled for the November 2016 Council meeting.

## F. Administrative Matters

### 1. [Legislative Matters](#) – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 6-24-16pm3 1:07:09](#)]

[Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 1](#): Staff Summary of Federal Legislation

[Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 2](#): Draft Council letter on HR 4576, and attached bill

[Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 3](#): Letter from the Council to Reps. Huffman and Thompson, and Senator Murray, on S. 2533, the California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act

[Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 4](#): Response from Sen. Feinstein and Rep. Garamendi to Council letter on S. 2533

[Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 5](#): BOR testimony on S. 2533. Agenda Item F.1

[Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 6](#): Letter from Council to Sen. Ben Allen on SB 1114 (California drift gillnet bill)

#### a. [Report of the Legislative Committee](#) – Dave Hanson [[mp3: 6-24-16pm3 1:09:44](#)]

#### b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities

None

#### c. Public Comment

None

#### d. Council Action: Consider the Report and Recommendations of the Legislative Committee [[mp3: 6-24-16pm3 1:13:19](#)] & [[mp3: 6-28-16am2 0:00:27](#)]

**Motion:** Council to accept the recommendations in Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental LC report and send the requested letter.

Dorothy Lowman/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

[Council suspended this Agenda Item and reconvened for more action on Tuesday, June 28, 2016]

**Staff Summary:** The Council approved the recommendations in [Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental Legislative Report](#), including sending the requested letter on H. 4576 with a minor edit on the first page.

### 2. [Western Region Climate Change Action Plan](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-27-16pm1 0:21:10](#)]

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1](#): NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy (NCSS) Western Regional Action Plan (WRAP) Draft version 22 March 2016

#### a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-27-16pm1 0:25:42](#)]

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental WRAP PowerPoint](#) (Werner/Stein)

[Agenda Item F.2.b, Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental HC Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

#### b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-27-16pm1 1:06:08](#)]

[Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental Public Comment](#)

Corey Ridings, Ocean Conservancy

- c. **Council Action: Provide Comments and Recommendations** [[mp3: 6-27-16pm1 1:15:28](#)]

Motion: None

**Staff Summary:** The Council expressed support for the Western Regional Action Plan (WRAP), which outlines efforts by the Northwest Fisheries Science Center and Southwest Fisheries Science Center to increase the production, delivery, and use of climate-related information. The Council endorsed the comments on the WRAP provided by the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup, Habitat Committee, and Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (see [Agenda Item F.2.b, Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup Report](#), [Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental HC Report](#), and [Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)).

3. **[Fiscal Matters](#)** – Patricia Crouse [[mp3: 6-28-16am2 0:24:07](#)]

- a. **[Report of the Budget Committee](#)** – Dorothy Lowman [[mp3: 6-28-16am2 0:24:16](#)]  
b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

None

- c. **Public Comment**

None

- d. **Council Action: Consider Budget Committee Recommendations** [[mp3: 6-28-16am2 0:32:15](#)]

**Motion:** Council adopt the recommendations of the Budget Committee (Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental BC Report; June 2016).

Phil Anderson/Dan Wolford (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted a CY 2016 operating budget of \$4,831,268 as recommended by the Budget Committee ([Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental Budget Committee Report](#)).

4. **[Approval of Council Meeting Record](#)** – Dorothy Lowman [[mp3: 6-28-16am2 0:34:04](#)]

- a. **Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record(s)**

**Motion:** Council approve the March and April 2016 Council Meeting Records as shown in:

- **[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 1](#)**: Draft Council Meeting Record: 233rd Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (March 8-14, 2016) AND
- **[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 2](#)**: Draft Council Meeting Record: 234th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (April 8-14, 2016)

Dan Wolford/Phil Anderson (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the meeting records for the March 2016 and April 2016 meetings.

5. **Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures** – Chuck Tracy  
**[mp3: 6-28-16am2 0:37:00]**

**Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 1**: Public Review Draft Excerpt from Council Operating Procedure  
1 – General Council Meeting Operations

**Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 2**: Public Review Draft Excerpt from Council Operating Procedure  
9 – Management and Activity Cycles

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** **[mp3: 6-28-16am2 0:46:09]**

**Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report**: Alaska Fisheries Science Center's membership  
on the PFMC's SSC

**Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental SSC Report**

b. **Public Comment**

None

c. **Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures** **[mp3: 6-28-16am2 0:55:03]**

**Motion**: Council elect Mr. Herb Pollard as the Council Chair and Mr. Phil Anderson as the Council Vice Chair for the August 11, 2016 through August 10, 2017 term.

Pete Hassemer/David Sones (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion**: Council appoint Mr. Pat Pattillo to the At-large Washington Sport Fisheries seat on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.

Phil Anderson/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion**: Council to adopt the proposed changes to Council Operating Procedure 1 as shown in Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 1 including the revisions as recommended by the Budget Committee in Agenda Item F.3, Supplemental Budget Committee Report. And, adopt the proposed changes to Council Operating Procedure 9 as shown in Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 2.

Herb Pollard/Bob Turner (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary**: The Council elected Mr. Herb Pollard Chair and Mr. Phil Anderson Vice Chair of the Pacific Fishery Management Council for the 2016-2017 term, effective August 11, 2016.

The Council announced the appointment by the Secretary of Commerce of Mr. Marc M. Gorelnik (from California) to the Council's at-large seat, replacing Mr. Dan Wolford, who has served the maximum allowable three consecutive three-year terms. Mr. Gorelnik's appointment will be effective August 11, 2016.

The U.S. Coast Guard announced Rear Admiral Mark Butt has replaced Rear Admiral Richard Gromlich as commander of the 13<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, and as the Coast Guard representative on the Council. In addition, Lt. Commander Jason Brand will be the U.S. Coast Guard 11<sup>th</sup> district representative on the Enforcement Consultants, as well as the third designee for Rear Admiral Butt.

The Council appointed Mr. Pat Pattillo to the Washington at-large recreational seat on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.

The Council adopted a modified COP 1, which specifies membership protocol for the Budget Committee, as modified by the Budget Committee recommendations. The Council also adopted a modified COP 9 that adds a financial management cycle. Updated COPs will be posted on the Council's website in the near future.

**6. [Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning](#) – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-28-16pm1 0:00:09](#)]**

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

[Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 14-20, 2016 in Boise, Idaho

[Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 3](#): Groundfish Workload Priorities

[Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary (updated 6/28/16)

[Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental Attachment 5](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 14-20, 2016 in Boise, Idaho (updated 6/28/16)

[Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental Attachment 6](#): Joint NMFS and Council staff workload response to omnibus priorities

**a. [Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities](#) [[mp3: 6-28-16pm1 0:24:55](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental EWG Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental SAS Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental EFH/RCA Project Team Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental EC Report](#)

**b. [Public Comment](#) [[mp3: 6-28-16pm1 1:00:24](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.6.b, Supplemental Public Comment](#)

Rod Moore

Doug Karpa, Turtle Island Restoration Network

Tom Rudolph, PEW Charitable Trust

**c. [Council Action: Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning, Including Prioritizing Groundfish Omnibus Regulatory Issues](#) [[mp3: 6-28-16pm1 1:12:22](#)]**

Motion: None

**Staff Summary:** The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for September 2016 in Boise, Idaho. A single-page draft proposed agenda summary will be available on the Council website in the near future, and a draft detailed proposed agenda will be available no later than August 31.

## **G. Groundfish Management**

### **1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Brett Wiedoff [[mp3: 6-25-16am1 0:02:01](#)]**

#### **a. Regulatory Activities – Frank Lockhart [[mp3: 6-25-16am1 0:02:53](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Groundfish and Halibut *Federal Register* Notices

[Agenda Item G.1.a, NMFS Report 2](#): Rulemaking Plan for 2016, Groundfish and Halibut

[Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 3](#): *Federal Register* notice dated June 1, 2016; Proposed rule to revise commercial sablefish fishing regulations and electronic fish tickets

#### **b. Fisheries Science Center Activities – Michelle McClure and John Stein [[mp3: 6-25-16am1 0:08:27](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental NWFSC PowerPoint](#) (Stein)

#### **c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

None

#### **d. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-25-16am1 0:13:17](#)]**

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

#### **e. Council Discussion [[mp3: 6-25-16am1 0:16:03](#)]**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

### **2. [Amendment 21 At-Sea Sector Allocation Revisions](#) – John DeVore [[mp3: 6-25-16am1 0:17:12](#)]**

#### **a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-25-16am1 0:23:43](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.2.a, WDFW Report 1](#): Proposed Purpose and Need and Strawman Range of Alternatives for Revised Amendment 21 At-Sea Allocations

[Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 2](#): Analysis of Range of Alternatives for Revised Amendment 21 At-Sea Allocations

[Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 3](#)

[Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental WDFW PowerPoint](#): Amendment 21: At-sea Sector Allocations for Darkblotched Rockfish and Pacific Ocean Perch

[Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Report](#) [[mp3: 6-25-16am2 0:00:23](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#) [[mp3: 6-25-16am2 0:38:33](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#) [[mp3: 6-25-16am2 1:07:09](#)]

#### **b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-25-16am3 0:00:08](#)] & [[mp3: 6-25-16pm1 0:00:09](#)]**

Kevin Dunn

Dave Fraser, WMC presented [Agenda Item G.2.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint \(Fraser\)](#)

Donna Parker, Artic Storm

Steve Bodnar, Coos Bay Trawlers Association

Justin Johnson

Karie Silva, F/V Jeanette Marie Inc comments presented in [Agenda Item G.2.b, Supplemental Public Comment 3](#) (materials received at the meeting)

Lori Steele, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

James Mize, Premier Pacific Seafoods; comments presented in [Agenda Item G.2.b, Supplemental Public Comment 3](#) (materials received at the meeting)

Tom Libby, Cal Shell

Mike Okoniewski, Pacific Seafood

Dan Waldeck, John Bundy and Dave Benson, Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative

Ralph Brown

Jeff Lackey, F/V Seeker

Travis Hunter, CA Trawl

Brent Paine, United Catcher Boats

Brad Pettinger, Oregon Trawl Commission

Paul Kujala, F/V Cape Windy

Steve Martell, Sea State

[Agenda Item G.2.b, Public Comment](#)

[Agenda Item G.2.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

- c. **Council Action: 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 of Set-Asides** [[mp3: 6-25-16pm2 0:00:09](#)]

**Motion:** Council:

1. Approve the draft purpose and need statement and the range of alternatives in Agenda Item G.2.a, WDFW Report 1, for public review and additional analysis for future Council consideration
  2. Add the following alternative for analysis and future Council consideration: Revise the allocation formula for Pacific ocean perch for the whiting sectors to allocate 17% distributed pro rata among the whiting sectors, or the following sector-specific amounts, whichever is greater:
    - Shoreside: 12.5 mt
    - Catcher Processor: 20 mt
    - Mothership: 15 mt
  3. With the intent of implementing any allocation changes to be effective January 1, 2018.
- Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried; Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Wolford and Ms. Grebel abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the purpose and need for the proposed action - to change the allocations of darkblotched rockfish and Pacific Ocean perch - as provided in [Agenda Item](#)



[G.2.a, WDFW Report 1](#). They also narrowed the scope of the proposed action to a preferred alternative, which does not change the formal allocations as specified in Amendment 21 of the Groundfish FMP, but manages the amounts allocated to the at-sea whiting sectors as yield set-asides rather than hard bycatch caps. The Council is scheduled to take final action on this initiative in September 2016 with the intent to implement the action by the start of the 2017 primary whiting season on May 15, 2017.

**3. [Final Action on Exempted Fishing Permit Approval for 2017-2018](#) – Jim Seger**  
**[\[mp3: 6-25-16pm3 0:34:35\]](#)**

[Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1](#): Collaborative Fishing to Test Pot Gear for Selective Harvest of Lingcod off of Washington and Oregon

[Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 2](#): Application for Exempted Fishing Permit for Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing for the 2017-2018 Season

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [\[mp3: 6-25-16pm3 0:36:17\]](#)**

[Agenda Item G.3.a, NMS Letter](#): May 26, 2016 Letter from Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary and Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary to Dorothy M. Lowman

[Agenda Item G.3.a, Supplemental REVISED GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

**b. Public Comment [\[mp3: 6-25-16pm3 0: 48:28\]](#)**

Barbara Emley & Dan Platt, San Francisco Community Fishing Association  
Kevin Dunn

Bill James, Port San Luis Commercial Fisheries Association presented [Agenda Item G.3.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#) (at meeting)

David Kirk, Port San Luis Commercial Fisheries Association presented [Agenda Item G.3.b Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint](#) (Kirk)

Steve Bodnar, Coos Bay Trawlers Association

Bob Alverson, FVOA

Jodie Toft & Gway Kirchner, The Nature Conservancy

Jeff Lackey, F/V Miss Sue

[Agenda Item G.3.b, Public Comment](#)

**c. Council Action: Adopt Final Recommendations for 2017-2018 Exempted Fishing Permits [\[mp3: 6-25-16pm3 1:14:56\]](#)**

**Motion:** Council:

Approve the San Francisco Community Association EFP as follows:

- extend the southern boundary to Pt. Conception and add 3 vessels
- set-asides including 30 mt of chili and 10 mt of bocaccio
- 30 percent observer coverage, supplemented by the EFP participants collecting data on the remaining trips

Joanna Grebel/Dan Wolford (Motion carried unanimously).

**Motion:** Council approve the TNC pot gear EFP.

Maggie Sommer/Jeff Feldner (Motion carried, Ms. Grebel abstained)



**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted for recommendation to NMFS two groundfish EFPs:

- 1) The Nature Conservancy EFP that would allow the use of fishpot gear to target lingcod within the non-trawl RCA.
- 2) The San Francisco Community Fishing Association/Platt EFP that would allow the commercial use of mid-water jig gear within the RCA in areas off California.

The recommendations on the jig gear included extension of the southern boundary of the EFP area to Point Conception, the addition of three vessels to the original request, and a requirement for observer coverage on 30 percent of the trips combined with fishermen collecting and arranging for analysis of data on the other 70 percent of the trips. The set-asides for the commercial jig fishery were increased over previous years to accommodate the additional area and vessels for a total of 30 mt for chilipepper and 10 mt for bocaccio. Set-asides for other species were also recommended, as reflected in the commercial jig fish EFP.

**4. [Final Action to Adopt Management Measures for 2017-2018 Fisheries](#) – John DeVore and Kelly Ames [[mp3: 6-26-16am1 0:00:11](#)] & [[mp3: 6-27-16am1 0:02:18](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 1](#): Action Item Checklist

[Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 2](#): 2017-2018 Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Including Changes to Groundfish Stock Designations (Amendment 27 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan): Description and Analysis for Council Decision-making

[Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 3](#): Preferred 2017 and 2018 harvest specifications (overfishing limits (OFLs in mt), acceptable biological catches (ABCs in mt), and annual catch limits [ACLs in mt]), for west coast groundfish stocks and stock complexes under preferred harvest control rules

[Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 4](#): Draft of the 2016 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document (***Electronic Only***)

[Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 5](#): Draft Appendix B – Additional Management Measure Analysis and New Management Measures Analysis

[Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 6](#): Proposed Groundfish FMP Amendment Language for Amendment 27, including Appendix F (***Electronic Only***)

[Agenda Item G.4, Supplemental Attachment 7](#): Section 6.2 Excerpt

[Agenda Item G.4, Supplemental Attachment 8](#): Updated SocioEconomic Analysis (Section 4.2)

**a. [Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities](#) [[mp3: 6-26-16am1 0:10:33](#)] & [[mp3: 6-26-16am2 0:00:11](#)] & [[mp3: 6-27-16am1 0:03:00](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.4.a, GMT Report](#): Groundfish Management Team Report on 2017-2018 Management Measures

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental Tribal Report](#) (Makah)

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental REVISED Tribal Report 2](#): 2017-2018 Tribal Management Measures

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental EC Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3](#)

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 2](#)

**b. Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-26-16am2 0:13:37](#)] & [[mp3: 6-27-16am1 0:29:17](#)]

Bill James \*did not testify \*

Brad Pettinger, Oregon Trawl Commission

Ralph Brown

Lori Steele, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

Mike Okoniewski, Pacific Seafood

Jeff Lackey, F/V Seeker

Steve Bodnar, Coos Bay Trawlers Association

Tom Marking

Robert Ingle, Golden Gate Fisheries Association

Tom Libby \*did not testify\*

[Agenda Item G.4.b, Public Comment](#)

[Agenda Item G.4.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

Jeff Lackey, F/V Seeker

Brent Paine, United Catcher Boats

Donna Parker, Artic Storm

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

Dan Waldeck, Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative

**c. Council Action: Adopt Final Preferred Management Measures for 2017-2018 Fisheries** [[mp3: 6-27-16am2 0:00:02](#)]

**Motion:** Council amend an action previously adopted at the April 2016 meeting under agenda item F.3, Final Action on biennial harvest specifications for 2017-2018 fisheries.

Phil Anderson/Herb Pollard (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Council amend the Final Preferred Alternative for the 2017 and 2018 harvest specifications as follows:

- Darkblotched Rockfish –

Specify the ACL to be equal to the ABC with a P\* of 0.45. The ACL values would be 641 mt for 2017 and 653 mt for 2018. Specify an addition of 50 mt to the off the top deduction as an emergency buffer that may occur in any sector.

- Pacific Ocean Perch (POP) –

Specify ACLs of 281 mt for 2017 and 2018, and adjust the ABCs consistent with a P\* of 0.45, as appropriate. Specify an addition of 25 mt to the off-the-top deduction as an emergency buffer for unforeseen catch events that may occur in any sector. Modify the OFLs as appropriate and seek SSC concurrence with the new values.

- Canary Rockfish – Specify the ACL to be equal to the ABC with a P\* of 0.45. The ACL values would be 1,714 mt for 2017 and 1,588 mt for 2018. Establish a buffer from the ACL to account for unforeseen events consistent with Buffer Option 1 (ACL Dependent Buffer) as described in Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2, Table 3. The buffer amounts would be 188 mt in 2017 and 62 mt in 2018.

Phil Anderson/Michele Culver (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Motion:** Council adopt status quo set asides, as reflected in Table 4-1 of Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 2 except for the new request for 50 mt of canary rockfish as requested in Agenda Item G.4.b, Supplemental Tribal Report (i.e. reflecting Alternative 3 in Attachment 2) and the 2017-2018 treaty tribal management measures shown in Agenda Item G.4.b, REVISED Supplemental Tribal Report 2.

David Sones/Joanna Grebel (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Council adopt the Preliminary Preferred Alternative for management measures as the Final Preferred Alternative with the following modifications:

- #1 (RCA coordinates) - add EC recommendation for modifications to RCA lines around Noon Day Rock (Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental EC Report)
- #2 (Off-the-top deductions) - include modifications to EFP set asides for chilipepper and bocaccio for Emley/Platt EFP.
- #11 (Non-nearshore) - Open Access Sablefish North of 36° N lat. - 300 lbs/day, or one landing per week up to 1,200 lbs, not to exceed 2,400 lbs bimonthly (Alternative 3; GMT Report 1 & 2)
- #12 (Nearshore) - increase shallow rockfish and deeper nearshore rockfish trip limits south of 40°10' N lat. to 1,200 lb/2 months (shallow) and 1,000 lb/2 months (deeper) (Alternative 2, Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 2)
- #23 (Hotspots) - remove hot spot closures (Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1)

Joanna Grebel/David Crabbe (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Council amend the groundfish FMP, as shown in Agenda Item G.4. Attachments 6 and 7, and including the suggested changes made by the SSC in their supplemental report under the same Agenda Item.

Frank Lockhart/David Sones (Motion carried, Mr. Anderson abstained)

**Motion:** Council amend a motion previously adopted as follows:

1. Focus the analysis within the range of alternatives in Agenda Item G.2.a, WDFW Report 1 on Options A (allocations) and B (set asides) for darkblotched rockfish and Pacific ocean perch, and confirm Option B as the Preliminary Preferred Alternative.
2. Additional analysis would be drafted for the Council's consideration in selecting a Final Preferred Alternative for this specific item in September 2016 with the intent of implementing the proposed action to be effective May 15, 2017.

Michele Culver/Phil Anderson (Motion carried, Ms. Grebel and Mr. Wolford abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council confirmed their April decisions for 2017 and 2018 harvest specifications for all stocks and stock complexes with the following changes:

- Darkblotched Rockfish:  
Specify the annual catch limit (ACL) to be equal to the acceptable biological catch (ABC) with a P\* of 0.45. The ACL values would be 641 mt for 2017 and 653 mt for 2018. Specify an additional 50 mt to the off-the-top deduction as an emergency buffer that may occur in any sector. The remaining yield after the other off-the-top deductions are deducted from the ACL will be allocated to sectors as specified under the FMP Amendment 21 framework.

- Pacific Ocean Perch (POP):  
Specify ACLs of 281 mt for 2017 and 2018, and adjust the ABCs consistent with a P\* of 0.45, as appropriate. Specify an additional 25 mt to the off-the-top deduction as an emergency buffer for unforeseen catch events that may occur in any sector. The remaining yield after the other off-the-top deductions are deducted from the ACL will be allocated to sectors as specified under the FMP Amendment 21 framework.
- Canary Rockfish:  
Specify the ACL to be equal to the ABC with a P\* of 0.45. The ACL values would be 1,714 mt for 2017 and 1,526 mt for 2018. Establish a buffer from the ACL to account for unforeseen events consistent with Buffer Option 1 (ACL Dependent Buffer) as described in [Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#), Table 3. The buffer amounts would be 188 mt in 2017 and 0 mt in 2018.

The Council adopted 2017 and 2018 Tribal management measures provided in [Agenda Item G.4.a, REVISED Supplemental Tribal Report 2](#). The Council also confirmed all the preliminary preferred management measures adopted in April with the following changes (the numbers correspond with the items in the action item checklist [[Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 1](#)]):

- #1 (Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) coordinates) - add Enforcement Consultants recommendation for modifications to RCA lines around Noon Day Rock ([Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental EC Report](#));
- #2 (Off-the-top deductions) - include modifications to EFP set-asides for chilipepper and bocaccio for the Emley/Platt commercial jig gear EFP ([Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 2](#));
- #11 (Non-nearshore) - Open Access Sablefish North of 36° N lat. - 300 lbs/day, or one landing per week up to 1,200 lbs, not to exceed 2,400 lbs bimonthly (Alternative 3; [Agenda Item G.4.a, GMT Report 1](#) and [Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#));
- #12 (Nearshore) - increase shallow rockfish and deeper nearshore rockfish trip limits south of 40° 10' N lat. to 1,200 lb/2 months (shallow) and 1,000 lb/2 months (deeper) (Alternative 2, [Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 2](#)); and
- #23 (Hotspots) - remove yelloweye rockfish hot spot closures in California ([Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)).

The Council also adopted amendment language for the groundfish FMP as shown in [Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 6](#) and [Agenda Item G.4, Supplemental Attachment 7](#); and included the suggested changes recommended by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) in [Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#).

##### **5. Preliminary Plans for Review of the West Coast Trawl Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocations Including Comments on Draft Guidance for Catch Share Program Reviews – Jim Seger [mp3: 6-26-16am2 0:45:37]**

[Agenda Item G.5, Supplemental Staff PowerPoint](#): Agenda Item Overview (Seger)

[Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 1](#): Trawl Rationalization and Intersector Allocation – Plans for the Five-Year Review Process

[Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 2](#): Five-Year Review – Document Outline

[Agenda Item G.5, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Council Staff Comments on the Draft Guidance for Conducting Reviews of Catch Share Programs

- a. **Report on the Pacific Groundfish Quota Program Workshop – Shems Jud** [[mp3: 6-26-16am2 1:24:30](#)]

[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental Workshop Report](#): Pacific Groundfish Quota Program Workshop, February 16-18, 2016 (*Full Version Electronic Only*)

- b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-26-16am2 1:43:25](#)] & [[mp3: 6-26-16pm1 0:00:05](#)]

[Agenda Item G.5.b, NMFS Report 1](#): Economic Performance Metrics for the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program

[Agenda Item G.5.b, NMFS Report 2](#): Economic Data Collection Program: First Receiver and Shorebased Processor Cost Disaggregation

[Agenda Item G.5.b, NMFS Report 3](#): Economic Data Collection Program Catcher Processor Report, 2009-2014 (*Full Version Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item G.5.b, NMFS Report 4](#): Economic Data Collection Program Mothership Report, 2009-2014 (*Full Version Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item G.5.b, NMFS Report 5](#): Economic Data Collection Program Catcher Vessel Report, 2009-2014 (*Full Version Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item G.5.b, NMFS Report 6](#): Economic Data Collection Program First Receiver and Shorebased Processor Report, 2009-2014 (*Full Version Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item G.5.b, NMFS Report 7](#): Groundfish IFQ Accounting System: 3 Updates

[Agenda Item G.5.b, NMFS Report 8](#): Draft Guidance for Conducting Reviews of Catch Share Programs

[Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 9](#): FISHEye Fact Sheet: Exploring the Economics of the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program

[Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental NMFS PowerPoint](#): Draft Guidance for Conducting 5/7 Year Reviews of Catch Share Programs (Morrison)

[Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental NMFS PowerPoint 2](#): Five Year Review document outline (Harley)

[Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental NMFS PowerPoint 3](#): Economic Performance Metrics for the West Coast Groundfish Catch Share Program (Draft) Pfeiffer

[Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

- c. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-26-16pm1 0:38:09](#)]

Ralph Brown

Lori Steele, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

Mike Okoniewski, Pacific Seafoods

Merrick Burden, Environmental Defense Fund

Brad Pettinger, Oregon Trawl Commission

[Agenda Item G.5.c, Supplemental Public Comment](#)

[Agenda Item G.5.c, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint](#) (Okoniewski/Kujundzic)

- d. **Council Action: Provide Guidance on the Development of the West Coast Trawl Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Reviews and Comment on Draft Catch Share Review Guidance** [[mp3: 6-26-16pm2 0:00:11](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the process proposed in [Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 1](#), with the following modifications and selections: move the Bellingham hearing to Seattle and the Port Orford hearing to Charleston or Coos Bay; schedule hearings sequentially with no overlap in hearing dates; do not create a special ad hoc analytical team (analytical effort Model 1); rely on the SSC to provide review of the project; and modify the charge for the Community Advisory Board (CAB) to focus on fishing communities and include discussion of improvements for the program. Additionally, for the CAB, the Council will be soliciting nominations for the following seats (number of individuals in parentheses): individual fishing quota (IFQ) trawl participants from Washington (1), Oregon (2), and California (2); IFQ gear switched (1); whiting catcher-processor (1); whiting mothership processor (1); whiting mothership catcher vessel (1); processors (3); at-large (3 from any interest or geographic area). The Council endorsed the staff comments on the NMFS “Draft Guidance for Conducting Reviews of Catch Share Programs” ([Agenda Item, G.5, Supplemental Attachment 3](#)).

**6. [Omnibus Groundfish Workload Planning](#) – Kelly Ames and Jim Seger [[mp3: 6-26-16pm3 0:00:00](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 1](#): Regulations Published Since September 2014

[Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 2](#): Groundfish Management Measures for Council Consideration

[Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 3](#): Considerations for Prioritizing the List of Groundfish Management Measures

[Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 4](#): Draft Ad hoc Committee Charge and Seats

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-26-16pm3 0:05:25](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-26-16pm3 0:42:47](#)]**

Bill James \*did not testify\*

Tom Marking

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

**c. Council Action: Develop a Preliminary Omnibus Priority List of Groundfish Issues for Workload Planning Purposes, and Provide Guidance as Appropriate [[mp3: 6-26-16pm3 0:49:47](#)]**

**Motion:** Council prioritize the following items from the Omnibus list for analysis:

1. #71, Green Light policy
2. #63, 66, 69: Discard mortality rates and credit package
3. #57, 58, 59: Year-round non-whiting fishery for midwater target species package
4. #54, 55: Allow between-sector trading of quota pounds package
5. #47 and 60: Multi-year catch policy, and resolve long-term non-whiting surplus carryover provision

Maggie Sommer/Corey Niles

**Amendment 1:** Include within #71 the green light policy and the harvest policy ramp-up as described in the GAP Report.



Dan Wolford/Joanna Grebel (Amendment carried unanimously)  
Motion, as amended, carried unanimously

**Staff Summary:** The Council moved the following measures forward as near term omnibus priorities (item numbers are from [Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 2](#), except Item 71 and the “ramp-up” are provided in the [Agenda Item G.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)): a greenlight policy that would allow mid-biennium increases to the ACL due to improved stock assessment results and a harvest policy ramp-up when a stock is rebuilding (Item 71 and ramp-up); updates to recreational and commercial discard survival rates (items 66 and 69); sablefish and lingcod discard survival credit for the shorebased IFQ program (item 63); year-round coastwide non-whiting midwater trawl fishery (items 57, 58, and 59); allow between-sector trading of quota pounds (items 54 and 55); multi-year average catch policy and resolution of long-term non-whiting surplus carryover provision for the shorebased IFQ program (items 47 and 60).” See the [Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental Attachment 6](#) for additional information on the timing and steps for advancing these issues.

**7. [Final Action on Inseason Adjustments](#) – Kelly Ames [[mp3: 6-27-16am2 0:56:18](#)]**

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-27-16am2 0:57:10](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental CDFW Report](#): Summary of 2016 Groundfish Mortality in California

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental ODFW Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-27-16am2 1:18:20](#)]**

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative & Brent Paine, United Catcher Boats

**c. Council Action: Adopt Inseason Adjustments, as Necessary, to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits [[mp3: 6-27-16am3 0:00:08](#)] & [[mp3: 6-27-16pm2 0:05:57](#)]**

**Motion:** Council adopt for inseason adjustments the recommendations in Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report.

Joanna Grebel/David Crabbe (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Council to reconsider the action taken under G.7, inseason management.  
Phil Anderson/Corey Niles (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Council reaffirm its action on G.7., and recommend NMFS monitor the progress of the At-Sea Whiting fishery, and, taking into account other relevant factors, make any Pacific Ocean Perch projected to remain uncaught in the Research off the top deduction available to either At-Sea sector that is projected to reach their POP allocation prior to attainment of their Whiting allocation. As part of NMFS consideration of whether the full off the top amount of POP will be taken, recommend that they take into account current research catch rates in

comparison to recent years catches during the same time period and recent year's total research catches of POP.

Phil Anderson/David Crabbe (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted landing limits for the open access sablefish daily trip limit fishery north of 36° N. latitude of 300 lbs. per day, or one landing per week up to 750 lbs., not to exceed 1,500 lbs. bimonthly, starting Period 5 (September 1) through the end of the year. The Council also adopted landing limits in California north of 40° 10' N. latitude for periods 5 and 6 for minor nearshore rockfish and black rockfish of 7,000 lb/2 months, of which no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black rockfish.

The Council also recommended that NMFS monitor the progress of the at-sea whiting fishery and, taking into account other relevant factors, make any Pacific ocean perch (POP) projected to remain uncaught in the research off-the-top deduction available to either at-sea sector that is projected to reach their POP allocation prior to attainment of their whiting allocation. As part of NMFS' consideration of whether the full off-the-top amount of POP will be taken, the Council recommended NMFS take into account current research catch rates in comparison to recent year's catches during the same time period and recent year's total research catches of POP.

**8. Final Action on Stock Assessment Plans and Terms of Reference (TOR) for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species – John DeVore [[mp3: 6-27-16am3 0:05:16](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.8, Attachment 1](#): Prioritization of Species and NMFS Final Recommendations for Stock Assessments in 2017

[Agenda Item G.8, Attachment 2](#): Final Excel Workbook of Data Informing 2017 Stock Assessment Prioritization (*Available Electronically Only*)

[Agenda Item G.8, Attachment 3](#): Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment and Review Process for 2017-2018

[Agenda Item G.8, Attachment 4](#): Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish Rebuilding Analysis for 2017-2018

[Agenda Item G.8, Attachment 5](#): Draft Terms of Reference for the Methodology Review Process for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species for 2017-2018

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-27-16am3 0:05:17](#)]**

[Agenda Item G.8.a, Supplemental NMFS PowerPoint](#): Final Stock Assessment Planning for 2017; Prioritization Rankings and Assessment Recommendations for Pacific Coast Groundfish

[Agenda Item G.8.a, Supplemental ODFW Report](#): Data Inventory for Blue Rockfish, Deacon Rockfish, Cabezon, and Lingcod for 2017 Stock Assessments

[Agenda Item G.8.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.8.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

**b. Public Comment**

None



c. **Council Action: Adopt Final List and Schedule of Groundfish Stocks for Assessment in 2017, the Stock Assessment and Methodology Review TOR for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species, and the Rebuilding TOR for Overfished Groundfish Stocks** [[mp3: 6-27-16pm1](#) 0:00:16]

**Motion:** Council adopt all the recommendations for 2017 and TORs for groundfish and coastal pelagic species in agenda item G.8.a, Supplemental SSC report; adding blackgill rockfish for update assessment.

Maggie Sommer/Jeff Feldner (Motion withdrawn with consent of the second)

**Motion:** Council adopt all recommendations for stock assessment plans in 2017 and terms of reference for groundfish and coastal pelagic species in Agenda Item G.8.a., Supplemental SSC Report, June 2016, and add blackgill rockfish to the list for update assessments:

- Full (benchmark) assessments (grouped as follows for three STAR panels):
  - Yelloweye rockfish; lingcod
  - Blue rockfish and deacon rockfish; California scorpionfish
  - Pacific ocean perch; yellowtail rockfish
- Update Assessments:
  - Darkblotched rockfish
  - Bocaccio
  - Arrowtooth flounder
  - Blackgill rockfish
- Produce a cowcod catch report; and

Approve the revisions to the groundfish and coastal pelagic species terms of reference for stock assessments and methodology reviews and rebuilding analyses, and add the three modifications to the stock assessment TOR proposed by the SSC.

Maggie Sommer/Jeff Feldner (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the 2017 stock assessment priorities, modifications to the three TOR considered under this agenda item, and the stock assessment review (STAR) panel schedule recommended by the SSC as provided in [Agenda Item G.8.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#), with the addition of blackgill rockfish as an update assessment. The specific 2017 assessments adopted under this action are as follows:

Full assessments (grouped as follows for three STAR panels):

- Yelloweye rockfish; lingcod
- Blue rockfish and deacon rockfish; California scorpionfish
- Pacific ocean perch; yellowtail rockfish

Update Assessments:

- Darkblotched rockfish
- Bocaccio rockfish
- Arrowtooth flounder
- Blackgill rockfish

Catch Reports:

Cowcod

rockfish

**9. [Final Action on Trawl Catch Share Program Gear Use Regulations](#) – Jim Seger**  
**[[mp3: 6-28-16am1](#) 0:24:54]**

[Agenda Item G.9, Attachment 1](#): Gear Related Housekeeping Changes to Language in the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan

[Agenda Item G.9, Attachment 2](#): Excerpts From Chapter 4 on Fishing in Multiple Management Areas, Gear Changes for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery's Trawl Catch Share Program, Preliminary Draft EIS

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-28-16am1](#) 0:30:27]**

[Agenda Item G.9.a, NMFS Report](#): Options for Discussion on Fishing in Multiple IFQ Management Areas

[Agenda Item G.9.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.9.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.9.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-28-16am1](#) 1:15:10]**

Travis Hunter

Brad Pettinger, Oregon Trawl Commission

[Agenda Item G.9.b, Supplemental Public Comment](#)

**c. Council Action: Adopt Final Preferred Alternatives for Fishing in Multiple Management Areas [[mp3: 6-28-16am1](#) 1:25:55]**

**Motion:** Council adopt Multiple Areas Alternative G3, but limited to trawl-gear use only, with Option 2- Pro-rata to be used to account for catch from multiple areas, as shown in Agenda Item G.9.a, NMFS Report, June 2016.

Frank Lockhart/Joanna Grebel (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion:** Council affirms that the language of Agenda Item G.9, Attachment 1 comports with its actions on gear use regulations at this and the March 2016 Council meeting.

Frank Lockhart/Joanna Grebel (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council approved, for recommendation to NMFS, Option G3 and sorting Option 2, which would allow vessels to fish in multiple management areas on the same trip and assign catch to management areas pro-rata based on effort in the area on the trip, as described in the [Agenda Item G.9.a, NMFS Report](#). The Council also affirmed that the FMP amendment language, proposed in [Agenda Item G.9, Attachment 1](#) as housekeeping changes, reflected the actions taken by the Council under this agenda item and the trawl gear package approved at the March 2016 Council meeting.

## **H. Salmon Management**

**1. [Sacramento River Winter Chinook Harvest Control Rule Update](#) – Mike Burner**  
**[[mp3: 6-25-16pm3](#) 0:00:20]**

[Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1](#): Draft Sacramento River Winter Chinook Harvest Policy Review Schedule

[Agenda Item H.1, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Letter to NMFS from PFMC, dated April 23, 2014, RE: [NOAA–NMFS–2013–0154] Pacific Fishery Management Council Comments on Alternative Harvest Control Rules Analyzed in a Management Strategy Evaluation for Sacramento River winter Chinook

- a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-25-16pm3 0:07:40](#)]

[Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental CDFW Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental SRWCW Report](#)

- b. **Public Comment**

None

- c. **Council Action: Review Progress and Provide Guidance on Developing a Range of Control Rule Alternatives and Future Analyses** [[mp3: 6-25-16pm3 0:28:41](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council received an update on progress from Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup (SRWCW) Co-chair Dr. Peter Dygert, reviewed existing Council recommendations on Sacramento River winter Chinook harvest policy, and heard a report from CDFW on preliminary 2016 spawning ground survey results and ocean salmon fishery tag recoveries. The Council was encouraged by progress and anticipates a more detailed consideration of alternative control rules at its September meeting in Boise, Idaho. The SRWCW is tentatively scheduled to next meet August 16-17, 2016 at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center in Santa Cruz, California.

## INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

[Supplemental REVISED Informational Report 1](#): Report of the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center & Pacific Fishery Management Council Workshop on CPS Assessments (May 2-5, 2016) – **Electronic Only**

[Informational Report 2](#): Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative Amendment 20 Catcher/Processor Cooperative Final Annual Report 2015

[Informational Report 3](#): Outcomes Statement and Recommendations, Council Coordination Committee, May 24-26, 2016

[Informational Report 4](#): Brochure/Announcement: 8th International Fisheries Observer and Monitoring Conference, 29 August-2 September, 2016

[Informational Report 5](#): Report on the Marine Resources Education Program (MREP)

[Informational Report 6](#): May 20, 2016 Discussion Draft for Councils, NMFS Instruction, Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management Road Map (**Electronic Only**)

[Informational Report 7](#): Whiting Mothership Cooperative; An Amendment 20 Mothership Catcher Vessel Cooperative Final Report on the 2015 Pacific Whiting Fishery

[Supplemental Informational Report 8](#): NOAA announces more than \$11 million in Saltonstall-Kennedy grants

[Supplemental Informational Report 9](#): Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) West Coast 2016 Workshops announcement

[Supplemental Informational Report 10](#): National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy; West Coast Regional Implementation Plan 2016-2017

[Supplemental Informational Report 11](#): DRAFT Agenda for the July 26-28, 2016 Groundfish Trawl Gear Modification Workshop

## ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 2:52 p.m.

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September 20, 2016

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Herb Pollard  
Council Chair

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Date