



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 1, 2016
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee
FROM: John DeVore
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, Washington. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Wednesday, June 22 and Thursday, June 23 starting at 8 a.m. both days in the Pavilion F Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed, and include additional items that are not on the SSC agenda.

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The SSC will review the Report of Southwest Fisheries Science Center and Pacific Fishery Management Council Workshop on Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Assessments (Informational Report 1) and prepare their recommendations regarding assessment methods for CPS stocks in general and for the central subpopulation of northern anchovy (CSNA) in particular. The SSC will recommend the methodology and scientific review processes for future CPS assessments, including CSNA. The SSC should review and endorse components of the report as appropriate and make recommendations on the best method for assessing CSNA given the data available. The SSC should also discuss whether an "interim" biomass estimate using the methods identified in the report would be informative about current stock status relative to historical abundance trends. The SSC may also identify methods described in the report that would be recommended as methodology review topics. The SSC will provide their formal report to the Council in September.

Groundfish Management

The Council will decide on a preliminary plan for the West Coast Trawl Catch Share Program review. Mr. Jim Seger will provide a brief overview of the process followed by an overview of the draft outline for the review by Ms. Abigail Hartley. Dr. Lisa Pfeiffer will then provide an overview of the proposed economic indicators for the review, followed by Ms. Marie Guldin who will discuss a proposed method for conducting cost disaggregation in the economic analysis. Finally, Dr. Wendy Morrison will briefly discuss the National Catch Share Policy. The SSC will be asked to provide their recommendations on the scientific analyses informing the catch share program review and the proposed scientific review of these analyses.

The Council is scheduled to take final action at this meeting on proposed groundfish stock assessment priorities for the 2017 assessment cycle. The SSC will receive a presentation from Dr. Jim Hastie and Ms. Kristin Blackhart on data availability, survey trends and other information to help decide future stock assessment priorities. The SSC will recommend their priorities for groundfish stock assessments, as well as changes to the three Terms of Reference that guide the process of conducting and reviewing assessments, rebuilding analyses, and proposed assessment methodologies.

The Council is scheduled to take action on a consideration to allow trawl fishing in multiple management areas on a single trip. At the March 2016 meeting, the SSC expressed concern that fishery-dependent data informing future stock assessments could be compromised if there was increased uncertainty regarding the area where catch occurred. The SSC will discuss the potential for “mixed-area” catches to affect stock assessments.

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

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Enclosures include:

Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item F.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

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3. Agenda Item G.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
4. Agenda Item G.8 – Final Action on Stock Assessment Plans and Terms of Reference (TOR) for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species
5. Agenda Item G.9 – Final Action on Trawl Catch Share Program Gear Use Regulations for Fishing in Multiple Management Areas

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

6. June 2016 SSC Agenda
7. Draft April 2016 SSC Minutes
8. Informational Reports
9. Hotel-Related Information
10. Roster

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