



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31, 2016

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

FROM: Ms. Kelly Ames, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet September 12-20, 2016 at the Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, Idaho 83714. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14 in the Aspen room. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, September 15 in the Tamarack 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;
 - Final Council guidance on the ecosystem indicators to be used in the 2017 State of the California Current Ecosystem Report;
 - Comments on the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Roadmap;
 - Reports from the West Coast Region and Northwest Fisheries Science Center;
 - Preliminary topic selection for the 2017 groundfish stock assessment and projection models methodology review, as described in Council Operating Procedure 25;
 - Legislative matters;
 - Adopt for public review proposed changes to the 2017 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A and annual fishery regulations;
 - An update on the 2017-2018 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures rulemaking, including minor clarifications of Council action;
 - Scope issues and provide guidance on the future process and schedule for allowing trading of quota pounds between trawl sectors;
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- Provide guidance on plans for the 5-Year review of the trawl catch share program and allocations, including refining the process, Ad Hoc Community Advisory Board tasks, and other guidance as needed;
- Adopt inseason adjustments to groundfish fisheries;
- Adopt final management measures for the at-sea sectors including consideration for Pacific Ocean perch and darkblotched rockfish set-asides;
- Adopt range of policy alternatives for mid-biennium annual catch limit adjustments and rebuilding harvest rate adjustments;
- 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.5 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item B – Open Comment Period
3. Agenda Item C – Habitat Matters
4. Agenda Item D – Ecosystem-Based Management
5. Agenda Item F – Groundfish Management
6. Agenda Item G – Administrative Matters
7. Agenda Item I – Pacific Halibut Management
8. EC Agenda
9. GAP Agenda
10. GMT Agenda
11. SSC Agenda and Draft Minutes
12. Informational Reports
13. Hotel-related Information
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