

## 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 March and April 2017 Council meetings. 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 March 2017 Council meeting agenda (Attachment 2).
3. A preliminary proposed April 2017 Council meeting agenda (Attachment 3).
4. An update on groundfish issues for prioritization purposes (Attachment 4).

In order to facilitate schedule planning and to stabilize expectations for the March and April meetings, draft proposed March and April agendas are presented together at this meeting. While changes to the April meeting agenda will be possible at the conclusion of the March meeting, there are many advantages to reaching an advanced state of expectation at this time.

To assist the Council with groundfish workload matters, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and Council staff have provided two brief summaries regarding items on the Groundfish Workload Priorities document (Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 4). The first focuses on issues identified under omnibus discussions for Phase 2 of the limited entry fixed gear sablefish catch share program review (Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 5). The second is a joint report by NMFS and Council staff regarding a potential timeline for developing electronic monitoring regulations for the non-whiting midwater and bottom trawl sectors (Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 6).

Because the number of potential topics for the March 2017 meeting exceeds the 5½-day target for Council meeting length, a thorough discussion of future planning challenges should be anticipated.

The 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, proposed March and April Council meeting agendas, 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 proposed agendas for the March and April 2017 Council meetings.**
- 3. Identify priorities for advisory body considerations at the next Council meeting.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 1: Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary.
2. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 2: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, March 7-14, 2017 in Vancouver, Washington.
3. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 3: Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 6-12, 2017 in Sacramento, California.
4. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 4: Groundfish Workload Priorities.
5. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 5: Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery Summary.
6. Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 6: Joint NMFS/Council Staff Report on a Potential Timeline for Electronic Monitoring Regulatory Development.

Agenda Order:

- C.6 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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