



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 2, 2016

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

FROM: Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Groundfish Staff Officer

SUBJECT: November Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92840. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15 in Royal F room. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15 in Royal E 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;
 - Adopt Final Changes for the 2017 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations;
 - Reports from the West Coast Region and Northwest Fisheries Science Center;
 - Adopt Final Topics for the 2017 Methodology Review;
 - Adopt inseason adjustments to groundfish fisheries;
 - Current habitat matters;
 - Consider Revisions to the Range of Alternatives for Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat and Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) and Identify Preliminary Preferred Alternatives;
 - Adopt Final Trawl Gear Modification Exempted Fishing Permit Recommendations for NMFS;
 - Provide Guidance on Plans for the 5 - Year Review of the Trawl Catch Share Program and Allocations, Including Ad Hoc Community Advisory Board Tasks, and Adopt Language Update for Appendix E to the Groundfish FMP;
 - Adopt Preliminary Preferred Policy Alternatives for Mid-Biennium Harvest Specification Adjustments;
 - Membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures; and
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- 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 – Administrative Matters
4. Agenda Item E – Pacific Halibut Management
5. Agenda Item F – Groundfish Management
6. Agenda Item H – Habitat Matters
7. Enforcement Consultants Agenda
8. GAP Agenda
9. GMT Agenda
10. Scientific Statistical Committee Agenda and Draft Minutes
11. Informational Reports
12. Hotel-related Information
13. Council Roster

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