

# November 2016 Council Meeting (Links are to audio files; Windows Media Player-MP3)

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Council open session started at 9:16 am on Wednesday, November 16, 2016

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0:00:07 09:16 A. Call to Order  
0:00:32 09:16 A.1 Opening Remarks Herb Pollard, Chair  
0:03:07 09:19 A.2 Roll Call Chuck Tracy  
0:04:43 09:21 A.3 Executive Director's Report Chuck Tracy  
0:13:30 09:29 A.4 Agenda Herb Pollard  
0:13:48 09:30 A.4.a Council Action: Approve Agenda  
0:14:28 09:30 B. Open Comment Period  
0:15:24 09:31 B.1.b. Public Comment  
0:29:28 09:45 B.1.c. Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate  
0:31:03 09:47 C. Administrative Matters  
0:31:05 09:47 C.1 West Coast Regional Operating Agreement Final Review  
0:42:36 09:59 C.1.a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:47:04 10:03 C.1.c. Council Action: Review and Provide Final Comments on the West Coast Regional Operating Agreement  
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0:01:19 10:33 D.1.a. Regulatory Activities Frank Lockhart  
0:02:10 10:34 D.1.b. Fisheries Science Center Activities NWFSC/SWFSC  
0:20:15 10:52 D.1.c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
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0:52:59 11:25 D. Salmon Management (continued)  
0:53:03 11:25 D.2 Salmon Methodology Review Mike Burner  
0:56:30 11:28 D.2.a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
1:01:18 11:33 D.2.c. Council Action: Adopt Final Methodology Changes  
1:02:43 11:34 D.3 Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model Update Mike Burner  
1:05:49 11:37 D.3.a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
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Management Entities  
0:05:33 01:37 D.4.c. Council Action: Adopt 2017 Final Preseason  
Management Schedule  
0:12:44 01:44 E. Pacific Halibut Management  
0:12:46 01:44 E.1 Final 2017 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulation  
Changes  
0:15:32 01:47 E.1.a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
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0:52:10 02:23 E.1.c. Council Action: Adopt Final Changes for the 2017 Pacific  
Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations  
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Management Entities  
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Methodology Review  
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0:02:10 02:52 F.3.a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
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0:02:38 08:08 H.1.a. Report of the Habitat Committee  
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0:02:33 09:22 C.2.a. NMFS Report

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Action  
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Action  
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NMFS for Modification of Trawl Gear Regulations  
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Measures  
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Measures  
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Management Entities  
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Measures  
0:00:24 05:21 G.4.c. Council Action: Review Stock Status and Consider  
Revisions to Harvest Specifications, Management Measures, and Management  
Category  
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0:28:39 08:35 I.2.a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and  
Management Entities  
0:54:40 09:01 I.2.b. Public Comment  
1:03:01 09:10 I.2.c. Council Action: 1) Provide Recommendations to the U.S.  
Delegations to the Thirteenth Meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries  
Commission (WCPFC); 2) Comment on Domestic Pacific Bluefin Commercial Fishery  
Regulations, as Appropriate; 3) Respond to the Center for Biological Diversity's  
Petition for Rulemaking  
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0:00:08 09:45 F.6 5-Year Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation  
Review Plans and  
0:00:10 09:45 Fishery Management Update  
0:16:18 10:01 F.6.b. Summary of Public Hearings Hearings Officers  
0:17:16 10:02 F.6.c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and  
Management Entities  
0:44:00 10:29 F.6.d. Public Comment  
1:47:38 11:32 F.6.e. Council Action: Provide Guidance on Plans for the 5-  
Year Review of the Trawl Catch Share Program and Allocations, Including Ad Hoc  
Community Advisory Board Tasks, Adopt Language Update for Appendix E to the  
Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, and Provide Other Guidance as Needed  
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Conservation  
0:00:21 01:02 Area (RCA) Amendment (Part 2, Continued from Friday, November  
18)  
0:00:46 01:02 F.4.d. Council Action: Consider Revisions to the Range of  
Alternatives, Identify Preliminary Preferred Alternatives, and Provide Additional  
Guidance as Necessary  
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0:00:39 02:44 I. Highly Migratory Species Management (continued)  
0:00:45 02:44 I.3 U.S.-Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty  
0:05:24 02:49 I.3.a. Reports and Comments of U.S. State Department/Canadian Representative  
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0:44:57 03:28 I.4 Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)  
0:50:21 03:34 I.4.a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
1:15:02 03:58 I.4.b. Public Comment  
1:50:42 04:34 I.4.c. Council Action: Preliminarily Approve New Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFPs for Public Review; Review and Provide Guidance on an EFP Application Template and Data Gathering Priorities  
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0:38:36 05:59 F.7.c. Council Action: Adopt a Range of Alternatives and, if Appropriate, a Preliminary Preferred Policy Alternative for Mid-Biennium Harvest Specification Adjustments; Provide Further Direction as Necessary  
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**0:00:15 11:02 I.5.c. Council Action: 1) Identify Fishery Permitting Priorities and Policies for the California Drift Gillnet Fishery and a Future Deep-Set Buoy Gear fishery, and 2) Provide Comments on the Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps Proposed Rule**

**0:24:32 11:26 C. Administrative Matters (continued)**

**0:24:44 11:26 C.3 Fiscal Matters**

**0:25:02 11:26 C.3.a. Report of the Budget Committee**

**0:30:53 11:32 C.3.d. Council Action: Consider Budget Committee**

**Recommendations**

**0:34:02 11:35 C.4 Approval of Council Meeting Record**

**0:34:05 11:35 C.4.a. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record**

**0:36:12 11:38 C.5 Membership Appointments and Council Operating**

**Procedures**

**0:39:13 11:41 C.5.a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and**

**Management Entities**

**0:41:21 11:43 C.5.c. Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures**

**0:48:58 11:50 C.6 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning**

**1:35:55 12:37 C.6.a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and**

**Management Entities**

**1:58:17 01:00 C.6.b. Public Comment**

**2:09:05 01:10 C.6.c. Council Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting**

**Agenda and Workload Planning**

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