



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2016

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore

SUBJECT: November 2016 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 13-21, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County Hotel, 11999 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC's) Groundfish and Economics Subcommittees will meet Sunday, November 13 starting at 1 p.m. and Monday, November 14 starting at 8 a.m. in the Imperial Room. The full SSC will meet Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16 starting at 8 a.m. both days in the Terrace ABC Room in the South Tower. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

#### Council Administrative Matters

The SSC may review the credentials for a nominee for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) seat on the Salmon Technical Team vacated by Mr. Brett Kormos, in the event a nomination is received in time from the CDFW.

The SSC and Council will receive an update on revisions made to National Standard 1, 3, and 7 guidelines from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The SSC should review and consider adopting the SSC Ecosystem-Based Management Subcommittee Report from September.

#### Salmon Management

The Council is scheduled to adopt final salmon methodology changes under Agenda Item D.2. The SSC should review the recommendations of the SSC Salmon Subcommittee and make their recommendations to the Council.

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### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The Council is scheduled to determine which coastal pelagic species (CPS) methodology topics may merit a formal SSC review next year. The SSC will work in conjunction with the CDFW on whether a proposed nearshore aerial survey for CPS species merits, and is ready for, a methodology review.

The Council is scheduled to review the status of the central subpopulation of northern anchovy (CSNA) and consider revisions to harvest specifications, management measures, and management category. The SSC will receive the report and recommendations from the CPS Subcommittee, who reviewed alternative approaches to developing indices of egg and larval production for the CSNA as a proxy for spawning biomass indices. The SSC will make their recommendations to the Council regarding best available science on CSNA abundance and biomass.

### Groundfish Management

The Council is scheduled to determine which groundfish methodology topics merit a formal SSC review next year. The SSC will work in conjunction with the Groundfish Management Team to determine which new or revised models/methodologies proposed to inform future decisions in the specifications process merit a methodology review. The SSC will also discuss the merits of reviewing proposed or potential methodologies that may inform future stock assessments. The SSC will also recommend a schedule for conducting these reviews. Additionally, the SSC will review a draft document produced by members of the Groundfish Subcommittee entitled, "Accepted Practices Guidelines for Groundfish Stock Assessments" and report on the status and distribution of this document.

The Council will consider revising the range of alternatives developed to analyze the impacts associated with modifying west coast groundfish essential fish habitat and rockfish conservation areas. The SSC will review an analysis of priority habitat areas developed by Ms. Allison Bailey and an analysis of overfished species "hot spot" (i.e., high density) areas prepared by Dr. Kit Dahl. The SSC will make their recommendations to the Council regarding these analyses.

The Council is scheduled to adopt a blueprint or annotated outline of the trawl catch share program review. The SSC will receive a report and recommendations from the Groundfish and Economics Subcommittees on details of the blueprint and make their recommendations on the review process going forward.

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

JDD:kma

Enclosures include:

### Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.2 – National Standard Guidelines Update
3. Agenda Item C.5 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
4. Agenda Item C.6 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Salmon Management

5. Agenda Item D.2 – Salmon Methodology Review

Groundfish Management

6. Agenda Item F.2 – Methodology Review Final Topic Selection
7. Agenda Item F.4 – Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) Amendment 28 Alternatives
8. Agenda Item F.6 – 5-Year Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Review Plans and Fishery Management Update

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

9. Agenda Item G.2 – Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection
10. Agenda Item G.4 – Northern Anchovy Stock Assessment and Management Measures

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

11. November 2016 SSC Groundfish and Economics Subcommittees Agenda
12. November 2016 SSC Agenda
13. Draft September 2016 SSC Minutes
14. SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee Report
15. Report of the SSC CPS Subcommittee Review of Egg and Larval Indices for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy
16. Informational Reports
17. Hotel-Related Information
18. Roster

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