

# March 2017 Council Meeting (Links are to audio files; Windows Media Player-MP3)

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0:00:10 09:03 A. Call to Order  
0:01:48 09:05 A.1 Opening Remarks Herb Pollard, Chair  
0:06:16 09:09 A.2 Roll Call  
0:06:24 09:10 A.3 Executive Director's Report Chuck Tracy  
0:34:03 09:37 A.4 Agenda  
0:34:35 09:38 A.4.a Council Action: Approve Agenda  
0:34:37 09:38 MOTION  
0:35:27 09:39 B. Open Comment Period  
0:35:33 09:39 B.1 Comments on Non-Agenda Items  
0:39:22 09:43 B.1.a Management Entity Comments  
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0:00:07 10:45 B. Open Comment Period  
0:00:33 10:45 B.1.a Management Entity Comments  
0:04:50 10:50 B.1.b Public Comment  
1:04:38 11:50 B.1.c Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate  
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0:00:07 01:32 C. Administrative Matters  
0:02:03 01:34 C.1 National Marine Sanctuaries Coordination Report  
0:04:03 01:36 C.1.a Report of the National Marine Sanctuary Program  
0:36:50 02:09 C.1.b Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and  
Management Entities  
0:38:46 02:11 C.1.d Council Discussion  
0:41:44 02:14 D. Habitat  
0:41:47 02:14 D.1 Current Habitat Issues  
0:43:08 02:15 D.1.a Report of the Habitat Committee  
0:55:37 02:27 D.1.b Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and  
Management Entities  
0:56:30 02:28 D.1.c Public Comment  
1:07:35 02:39 D.1.d Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee  
Recommendations  
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0:00:05 03:03 E. Salmon Management  
0:01:31 03:05 E.1. b National Marine Fisheries Report / Fisheries Science Center Report Peter Dygert/NWFSC/SWFSC  
0:27:25 03:31 E.1.c Comments of Advisory Bodies SAS REPORT  
0:29:14 03:33 E.1.d. Council Action: Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations, and Adopt 2017 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits as Necessary  
0:35:26 03:39 F. Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management  
0:35:44 03:39 F.1 Annual State of the California Current Ecosystem Report  
0:39:16 03:43 F.1.a Report of the IEA Team  
1:34:14 04:38 F.1.b Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
2:10:40 05:14 F.1.c Public Comment  
2:22:22 05:26 F.1.d Council Action: Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report and Make Recommendations on Focal Topic Areas for Future Annual Reports  
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0:00:19 08:03 A.5 Commencing Remarks  
0:03:24 08:07 F. Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management  
0:03:25 08:07 F.1 Annual State of the California Current Ecosystem Report  
0:03:30 08:07 F.1.d Council Action: Consider the California Current Ecosystem Report and Make Recommendations on Focal Topic Areas for Future Annual Reports  
0:26:25 08:30 F.2 Sablefish Ecosystem Indicators  
0:30:02 08:33 F.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
1:07:56 09:11 F.2.c Council Action: Review Progress and Provide Guidance  
1:27:38 09:31 Stop Recording [09:31]

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0:00:27 09:46 F.3 Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives  
0:06:04 09:51 F.3.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:50:06 10:35 F.3.b Public Comment  
1:38:20 11:24 F.3.c Council Action: 1) Identify New Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives to be Added to Appendix A, 2) Provide Guidance on Other Updates to Appendix A, and 3) Determine Whether to Begin Work on an Initiative in the Coming Year, Including Process and Schedule  
1:47:07 11:32 MOTION  
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0:00:10 01:24 G. Enforcement Issues (Donald McIsaac presentation)  
0:09:52 01:34 G.1 Annual U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement Report  
RADM Mark Butt  
0:20:16 01:44 G.1.a U.S. Coast Guard Annual West Coast Fishery Enforcement  
0:35:41 02:00 E. Salmon Management  
0:37:24 02:01 E.2 Review of 2016 Fisheries and Summary of 2017 Stock  
Abundance Forecasts  
0:40:30 02:04 E.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and  
Management Entities  
1:34:45 02:59 E.2.c Council Action: Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery  
Information, Act on Relevant Conservation Objectives or Status Determinations, and  
Adopt 2017 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits as Necessary  
1:36:22 03:00 MOTION  
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0:00:02 03:33 E.3 Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary  
Definition of  
0:00:06 03:33 2017 Salmon Management Alternatives  
0:07:01 03:40 E.3.a Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission  
0:14:09 03:47 E.3.b Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
1:14:22 04:47 E.3.b Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies  
2:02:25 05:35 E.3.c Public Comment  
2:23:22 05:56 E.3.d Council Action: Adopt Council Recommendations for Initial  
Management Measure Alternatives for Salmon Technical Team Collation and  
Description  
2:42:19 06:15 MOTION  
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0:00:04 08:04 A. Call to Order (reconvene)  
0:00:42 08:05 H. Pacific Halibut Management  
0:00:46 08:05 H.1 Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission  
(IPHC) Meeting  
0:06:08 08:10 H.1.a IPHC Report  
0:35:07 08:39 H.1.b Council IPHC Representative Report  
0:42:53 08:47 H.1.d Public Comment  
0:47:20 08:51 H.1.e Council Action: Consideration of the IPHC Meeting Reports  
0:54:25 08:58 H.2 Incidental Catch Recommendation Options for the Salmon  
Troll and  
0:54:26 08:58 Final Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries  
0:58:43 09:03 H.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and  
Management Entities  
1:11:46 09:16 H.2.b Public Comment  
1:27:36 09:31 H.2.c Council Action: Make Recommendations for Inseason  
Changes to April 2017 Retention Limits in the Salmon Troll Fishery, as Necessary;

**Adopt Public Review Options for Retention in 2017 and April 2018 Salmon Troll Fishery; and Adopt Final Retention Limits for 2017 Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery**

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1:32:30 09:36 MOTION  
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0:00:12 09:59 C. Administrative Matters (continued)  
0:00:36 10:00 C.2 National Standard 1 Guidelines Carryover Provisions  
0:27:11 10:26 C.2.a National Marine Fisheries Service Report  
0:31:18 10:30 C.2.b Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:49:03 10:48 C.2.c Public Comment  
0:51:30 10:51 C.2.d Council Action: Review Guidelines and Consider Potential Application in Council Fishery Management Plans, As Necessary  
1:37:17 11:36 I. Groundfish Management  
1:37:50 11:37 I.1 Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation Analysis  
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0:00:03 01:03 I.1 Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation Analysis  
0:00:53 01:04 I.1.a NMFS Report Susan Bishop  
1:28:35 02:31 I.1.a Reports and Comments of Management Entities  
1:48:30 02:51 Stop Recording [02:51]

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0:00:05 03:09 I.1 Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation Analysis  
0:00:26 03:09 I.1.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:43:09 03:52 I.1.b Public Comment  
1:04:32 04:13 I.1.c Council Action: Provide Recommendations on the Analysis  
1:15:32 04:24 MOTION  
1:25:38 04:34 AMENDMENT  
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0:00:07 05:08 E. Salmon Management (continued)  
0:00:11 05:08 E.4 Council Recommendations for 2017 Management Alternative Analysis  
0:02:20 05:10 E.4.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:15:01 05:23 E.4.b Public Comment  
0:21:22 05:29 E.4.c Council Action: Direction to the Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Advisory Subpanel on Alternative Development and Analysis  
0:52:24 06:00 Stop Recording [06:00]

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0:00:06 08:08 A. Call to Order (reconvene)  
0:00:20 08:08 J. Highly Migratory Species Management  
0:00:34 08:08 J.1 National Marine Fisheries Service Report  
0:18:54 08:26 J.1.b Fisheries Science Center Activities  
1:04:13 09:12 J.1.d Public Comment  
1:10:21 09:18 J.1.e Council Discussion  
1:14:59 09:23 Stop Recording [09:23]

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0:00:02 09:33 J.2 Update on Existing Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)  
0:04:03 09:37 J.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:18:44 09:52 J.2.c Council Action: Review Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Activity, Make Recommendations as Appropriate  
0:36:58 10:10 J.3 Proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits  
0:45:20 10:18 J.3.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
1:18:02 10:51 J.3.b Public Comment  
1:52:04 11:25 Stop Recording [11:25]  
1:52:04 11:35 Start Recording [11:35]  
1:52:16 11:35 J.3 Proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits  
1:52:21 11:35 J.3.c Council Action: 1) Review Proposed Criteria for Expedited Approval of Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Application and Adopt for Immediate Use, if Appropriate, and 2) Consider Expedited Review Criteria and Make Recommendations to NMFS on Exempted Fishing Permit Applications to Test Deep-Set Buoy Gear  
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2:28:39 12:11 AMENDMENT  
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0:07:07 01:40 J.4.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:34:18 02:07 J.4.b Public Comment  
0:48:46 02:21 J.4.c Council Action: Adopt Proposed HMS FMP Amendment 4 Language for Public Review and Provide Further Guidance  
1:22:37 02:55 MOTION  
1:41:36 03:14 Stop Recording [03:14]  
1:41:36 03:30 Start Recording [03:30]  
1:42:34 03:30 MOTION  
1:47:14 03:35 I. Groundfish Management (continued)  
1:47:15 03:35 I.2 Reports and Recommendations from Groundfish Science Workshops and Methodology Reviews

1:53:40 03:42 I.2.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
 2:11:32 03:59 I.2.c Council Action: Review Reports and Adopt Science Workshop and Methodology Review Recommendations, as Appropriate  
 2:13:14 04:01 MOTION  
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 2:37:34 04:31 Start Recording [04:31]  
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 2:44:03 04:37 E.5.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
 2:53:17 04:47 E.5.b Public Comment  
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 0:00:59 08:04 I. Groundfish Management (continued)  
 0:01:04 08:04 I.3 Consideration of Inseason Adjustments, Including Carryover  
 0:06:44 08:10 I.3.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
 1:16:42 09:20 I.3.b Public Comment  
 1:20:34 09:24 I.3.c Council Action: Adopt Recommendations for Adjustments, Including Carryover, to 2017 Groundfish Fisheries, as Necessary  
 1:26:29 09:30 MOTION  
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 0:00:39 10:00 I. Groundfish Management  
 0:01:18 10:00 I.4 Implementation of the 2017 Pacific Whiting Fishery Under the U.S./Canada Agreement  
 0:05:09 10:04 I.4.a Joint Management Committee Report  
 0:22:51 10:22 I.4.b Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
 0:24:41 10:24 I.4.d Council Action: Consider Necessary Actions for Implementing the 2017 Pacific Whiting Fishery, Including Yield Set-Asides  
 0:25:15 10:24 MOTION  
 0:28:22 10:27 J. Highly Migratory Species Management  
 0:28:25 10:27 J.5 Recommendations for International Management Activities  
 0:36:54 10:36 J.5.a Report on the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries  
 0:36:57 10:36 Commission Meeting Dorothy Lowman  
 0:46:16 10:45 J.5.b Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service  
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1:36:27 11:45 J.5.d Public Comment  
1:45:38 11:54 J.5.e Council Action: Consider Reports on International Activities and Provide Recommendations, as Appropriate  
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0:00:05 01:03 J.6 Fishery Management Plan Amendment 5: Final Action Authorizing Federal Drift Gillnet Permit  
0:07:24 01:11 a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:30:34 01:34 b. Public Comment  
0:59:11 02:03 c. Council Action: Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative for Authorizing a Federal Limited Entry Permit for the California Large Mesh Drift Gillnet Fishery and Associated FMP Language  
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1:46:44 03:01 Start Recording [03:01]  
1:46:50 03:01 J.6 Fishery Management Plan Amendment 5: Final Action Authorizing Federal Drift Gillnet Permit  
1:46:54 03:01 c. Council Action: Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative for Authorizing a Federal Limited Entry Permit for the California Large Mesh Drift Gillnet Fishery and Associated FMP Language  
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0:01:02 08:04 E.6 Adoption of 2017 Management Alternatives for Public Review  
0:02:51 08:05 E.6.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  
0:20:18 08:23 E.6.b Public Comment  
0:22:33 08:25 E.6.c Council Action: Adopt Ocean Salmon Management Alternatives for Public Review  
0:32:20 08:35 MOTION (Washington)  
0:39:01 08:42 MOTION (Oregon, California, Tribal)  
0:49:32 08:52 E.7 Salmon Hearings Officers  
0:49:39 08:52 E.7.a Council Action: Appoint Hearings Officers  
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0:00:02 09:29 C. Administrative Matters  
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0:00:34 09:30 C.3.a Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record

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0:02:28 09:32 C.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating  
Procedures  
0:10:18 09:40 C.4.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and  
Management Entities  
0:11:19 09:41 C.4.c Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council  
Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures  
0:11:52 09:41 MOTION  
0:18:53 09:48 C.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning  
0:29:37 09:59 C.5.a Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and  
Management Entities  
1:21:03 10:50 C.5.b Public Comment  
2:02:15 11:32 Stop Recording [11:32]  
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Agenda and Workload Planning  
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