



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 2017

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore

SUBJECT: March 2017 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet March 7-13, 2017 at the Hilton Vancouver Hotel, 301 West Sixth Street, Vancouver, Washington. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Tuesday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 8 starting at 8 a.m. each day in the Heritage F Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

Council Administrative Matters

The SSC will review the credentials for Ms. Abigail Harley, a nominee for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region seat on the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) vacated by Ms. Gretchen Hanshew. The SSC will also review the credentials for Dr. Steve Haeseker, a nominee for seats on the Salmon Technical team and the Model Evaluation Workgroup vacated by Mr. Henry Yuen.

The SSC will review their potential workload in the next year and may recommend to the Council which tasks are prioritized.

SSC Administrative Matters

The SSC will review a proposed draft SSC/Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team report, "Potential Options for Setting an OFL for the Central Substock of Northern Anchovy (CSNA)" and recommend revisions to the report to be submitted for the advanced April briefing book. The SSC will specifically consider the proposed alternative approaches for setting a CSNA overfishing limit (OFL), as well as the proposed process and timeline for setting an OFL. The SSC will consider providing a report on this issue to the Council under Agenda Item C.5, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning.

The SSC will review SSC Economics Subcommittee recommendations in their supplemental report, "Methodology for Estimating Catch, Revenue, and Effort for Pacific Coast Groundfish Bottom EFH and RCAs." The SSC will provide their recommendations on the proposed

methodology to the EFH project team and may report to the Council under Agenda Item C.5, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning.

Salmon Management

The SSC will review the 2016 Fisheries and Summary of 2017 Stock Abundance Forecasts and recommend to the Council whether this report is the best available science and can be used in modeling 2017 ocean salmon fisheries, specifying acceptable biological catches, and setting annual catch limits.

The SSC will review a salmon genetic stock identification (GSI) study proposal and will report their recommendations to the Council on the scientific merits of this proposal.

Ecosystem Management

The SSC will review the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment State of the California Current report and provide their recommendations to the Council on the use and future content of this report.

The SSC will review progress in evaluating potentially useful sablefish ecosystem indicators and provide guidance on future work.

The SSC will review progress on scientific matters related to any active ecosystem initiatives and will identify scientific issues related to the initiatives listed in Ecosystem Initiatives Appendix that may merit Council attention in the coming year.

Groundfish Management

The SSC will review reports and recommendations from recent workshops and methodology reviews as follows: 1) the Groundfish Historical Catch Reconstruction Workshop, 2) the Groundfish Productivity Workshop, 3) Assessment Methodologies Proposed for Use in 2017 Groundfish Assessments, and 4) a review of proposed changes to the draft "Accepted Practices Guidelines for Groundfish Stock Assessments". The SSC will adopt these reports and/or provide their recommendations to the Council on these matters, as appropriate. The SSC may also comment on 5) a proposed reconstruction of unidentified rockfish and nominal Pacific ocean perch landings in Oregon, 6) recommendations from the GMT regarding their evaluation of lingcod and sablefish discard mortality rates, and 7) recommendations from the GMT regarding review of the commercial nearshore impact projection model.

The SSC will review a NMFS analysis of salmon bycatch associated with the groundfish fishery scenarios adopted by the Council in September, 2015 (Agenda Item I.1.a, NMFS Report 1). The SSC will recommend to the Council whether this analysis is best available science for decision-making.

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

JDD:rdd

Enclosures include:

Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.4 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
3. Agenda Item C.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
4. Draft “Accepted Practices Guidelines for Groundfish Stock Assessments”
5. Draft “Potential Options for Setting an OFL for the Central Substock of Northern Anchovy”
6. Methodology for Estimating Catch, Revenue, and Effort for Pacific Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl EFH and RCA Areas
7. Webinar Work Session for the Economic Subcommittee of the Pacific Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee
8. Supplemental SSC Economics Subcommittee Report on “Methodology for Estimating Catch, Revenue, and Effort for Pacific Coast Groundfish Bottom Trawl EFH and RCA Areas”
9. Draft “Approach to a Qualitative Socioeconomic Analysis for Amendment 28 to Modify EFH and RCAs” (**Supplemental Report**)

Salmon Management

10. Agenda Item E.2 – Review of 2016 Fisheries and Summary of 2017 Stock Abundance Forecasts
11. Agenda Item E.3 – Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2017 Salmon Management Alternatives

Ecosystem Management

12. Agenda Item F.1 – Annual State of the California Current Ecosystem Report
13. Agenda Item F.2 – Sablefish Ecosystem Indicators
14. Agenda Item F.3 – Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives

Groundfish Management

15. Agenda Item I.1 – Salmon Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation Analysis
16. Agenda Item I.2 – Reports and Recommendations from Groundfish Science Workshops and Methodology Reviews

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

17. March 2017 SSC Agenda
18. Draft November 2016 SSC Minutes
19. Administrative Closed Session
20. Informational Reports
21. Hotel-Related Information
22. Roster