



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2017

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore

SUBJECT: April 2017 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 6-11, 2017, at the Doubletree by Hilton Sacramento Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Thursday, April 6 and Friday, April 7 starting at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday and 8 a.m. on Friday in the Sacramento Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

#### Council Administrative Matters

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 the revised draft of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Stock Assessment Improvement Plan entitled, "Implementing a Next Generation Stock Assessment Enterprise: An Update to NOAA Fisheries' Stock Assessment Improvement Plan." The SSC is tentatively scheduled to provide their comments on this plan in June.

The SSC will review Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1, March 2017 – "Considerations and Focus Questions for the Carryover Provisions Envisioned in Revised National Standard 1 Guidelines" and will recommend whether these new carryover provisions have potential utility in coastal pelagic species (CPS) management. This recommendation will be provided under Agenda Item C.4 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning.

The SSC will review proposed 2019-2020 groundfish harvest specifications prepared by Council staff and will recommend how to address identified data gaps.

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### Salmon Management

The SSC will receive an update on the development of a management strategy evaluation (MSE) designed to evaluate alternative harvest control rules for Sacramento River winter Chinook. The SSC will provide their recommendations on the modelling approach for this proposed MSE.

The SSC will review a list of potential salmon methodology topics to be reviewed later this year. The SSC will receive input from the Salmon Technical Team and the Model Evaluation Workgroup, and provide recommendations for methodologies to be reviewed in 2017.

### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The SSC, along with the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, have provided a joint report reviewing alternative approaches for setting an overfishing limit for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy which was included in the advance briefing book. The SSC will discuss this report and consider making a supplemental statement on the relative merits of the alternative approaches.

The SSC will consider a proposal for a formal review of the acoustic trawl method survey that has the potential of informing future stock assessments for CPS. The SSC will make their recommendations regarding the issues to focus on during the methodology review.

The SSC will review the new full assessment of Pacific sardine, as well as the report of the February Stock Assessment Review Panel review of the assessment, and provide their recommendations to the Council on the use of the new assessment for management decision-making. The SSC will also recommend an overfishing limit for Pacific sardine for the 2017-2018 fishery.

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

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Enclosures include:

### Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.3 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
3. Agenda Item C.4 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

### Salmon Management

4. Agenda Item E.1 – Sacramento River Winter Chinook Harvest Control Rule Review
5. Agenda Item E.2 – Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection

### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

6. Agenda Item G.2 – Central Subpopulations of Northern Anchovy (CNSA) Overfishing Limit (OFL) Process
7. Agenda Item G.3 – Methodology Review Planning

8. Agenda Item G.5 – Final Action on Sardine Assessment, Specifications, and Management Measures

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

9. April 2017 SSC Agenda
10. Draft March 2017 SSC Minutes
11. Administrative Closed Session
12. Review Draft: “Implementing a Next Generation Stock Assessment Enterprise: An Update to NOAA Fisheries’ Stock Assessment Improvement Plan”
13. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1, March 2017 – “Considerations and Focus Questions for the Carryover Provisions Envisioned in Revised National Standard 1 Guidelines”
14. Excel spreadsheet with proposed 2019-2020 groundfish harvest specifications
15. Informational Reports
16. Hotel-Related Information
17. Roster

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