



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 16, 2017

TO: Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, and Interested Persons

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: June 2017 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet June 7-14, 2017, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Spokane City Center, in Spokane, Washington. The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) are not convening at that Council meeting, but are holding a public webinar on May 31 and may submit supplemental reports on several topics described below.

Council Agenda Topics

Final Pacific Mackerel Assessment and Management Measures (Agenda Item D.1)

The NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center completed a catch-only projection estimate of the Pacific mackerel biomass off the U.S., for use in setting harvest specifications and management measures for two consecutive fishing years; 2017-18 and 2018-19. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will recommend an overfishing limit and associated acceptable biological catch values. The CPSMT and CPSAS are tasked with making recommendations on allowable harvest, for each of the two following fishing years.

Final Approval of Aerial Survey Methodology (Agenda Item D.2)

The Southern California Coastal Pelagic Species Survey (SCCPSS) proposes an aerial survey to inform abundance estimates for northern anchovy and Pacific sardine in nearshore waters. A methodology review panel reviewed the methodology at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla, California, April 17-18, and produced a report in the advanced briefing book materials.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Strategic Review (Agenda Item I.1)

NMFS OLE is conducting a 5-year strategic review of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's enforcement priorities. This priority-setting process is used to focus the limited resources of OLE and its state and Federal enforcement partners on the most critical enforcement

challenges. The CPS advisory bodies should consider providing input to the Council, which will provide recommendations to NMFS OLE.

National Marine Fisheries Service Stock Assessment Improvement Plan (Agenda Item C.5)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published a Stock Assessment Improvement Plan (SAIP) in 2001, which provided strategic guidance for stock assessment programs nationally. NMFS drafted an update to the 2001 SAIP, entitled “Implementing a Next Generation Stock Assessment Enterprise: An Update to NOAA Fisheries’ Stock Assessment Improvement Plan” (Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1) and is asking for comments on the plan.

NMFS white paper on Best Scientific Information Available (Agenda Item C.6)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is soliciting comments on a white paper entitled “Framework for Determining that Fishery Management Decisions are Based on the Best Scientific Information Available” (Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 1). The CPSMT and CPSAS should review the draft BSIA white paper and provide comments to the Council.

Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning (Agenda Item C.8)

The Council will consider meetings, agendas, and priorities for the subsequent year. The CPS advisory bodies may submit a supplemental report describing anticipated CPS-related issues, and planned activities.

Enclosed are April agenda materials for your review. Thank you for your continued participation in the Council process and for your part in maintaining sustainable fisheries on the U.S. West Coast.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item D.1 – Pacific Mackerel Assessment and Management Measures
3. Agenda Item D.2 – Aerial Survey Methodology Approval
4. Agenda Item I.1 – National Marine Fisheries Service Office of Law Enforcement Priorities
5. Agenda Item C.5 – Stock Assessment Improvement Plan
6. Agenda Item C.6 – Best Scientific Information Available
7. Agenda Item C.8 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
8. SSC Agenda
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