

**COUNCIL MEETING RECORD**  
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**Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
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## INTRODUCTION

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1. **Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda** – These documents are available on the Council Website prior to and following each meeting at <http://www.pcouncil.org/>.
2. **Attendance Records** – These documents are available for the Council meeting and each advisory body meeting by request from the Council office.
3. **All Documents, Reports, and Presentations for Council Consideration** – These items include (1) all documents produced or received for the meeting briefing book, validated by a label assigned by the Council Secretariat and distributed to Council Members; (2) written public comments received at the Council meeting in accordance with agenda labeling requirements; and (3) electronic material or handout materials used in presentations to Council Members during the open session. They are available from links in the Meeting Summary of this document or at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/past-meetings/>.
4. **Council Decision Summary Document** – This document is distributed shortly after each Council meeting. It provides very brief descriptions of most key Council decisions and is available at <http://www.pcouncil.org/resources/archives/council-meeting-decisions/> and also provided by agenda item in the Meeting Summary of this document.
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7. **Meeting Summary** (immediately follows this section) – The Meeting Summary lists, in agenda item order, the briefing book documents, reports, presentations, and Council motions and actions, including a brief summary from the Council Decisions Summary Document for each agenda item. It constitutes the meeting record formally approved by the Council. The agenda heading for each agenda item, and most listed documents, serve as internet links to the actual briefing book documents. Internet links in brackets (e.g., [mp3: [11-11-14pm1@01:21:15](#)]) refer to the audio recording and elapsed time on the recording at which the agenda item was initiated. Links to the audio recordings are annotated by agenda item and may also be accessed at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/past-meetings/>.
8. **Voting Log** – The voting log lists, in Agenda order, the summarized Council motions and actions for each agenda item that took place during the meeting.

## MEETING SUMMARY

### A. Call to Order [[mp3: 6-9-17am1](#) @0:00:32]

#### 1. Opening Remarks – Herb Pollard, Chair

Mr. Herb Pollard, Council Chair, called the 240<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 9:20 a.m. on June 9, 2017. A closed session was held before this open session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

#### 2. Roll Call – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-9-17am1](#) @0:04:03]

##### Council Members present during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Frank Lockhart, designee Ms. Heidi Taylor, designee Mr. Ryan Wulff, designee
Washington State Official:	Ms. Michele Culver, designee Mr. Corey Niles, designee
Washington Obligatory:	Mr. Rich Lincoln
Oregon State Official:	Dr. Caren Braby, designee Ms. Maggie Sommer, designee
Oregon Obligatory:	Ms. Dorothy Lowman
California State Official:	Ms. Briana Brady, designee Ms. Joanna Grebel, designee Ms. Marci Yaremko, designee
California Obligatory:	Mr. David Crabbe
Idaho State Official:	Mr. Peter Hassemer, designee
Idaho Obligatory:	Mr. Herb Pollard, Chair
Tribal Official:	Mr. David Sones, designee
At-Large:	Mr. Phil Anderson, Vice-Chair Mr. William L. “Buzz” Brizendine Mr. Jeff Feldner Mr. Marc Gorelnik
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission:	Dr. David Hanson, Parliamentarian, nonvoting designee
U.S. Coast Guard:	LCDR Gregg Casad, nonvoting designee LCDR Jason Brand, nonvoting designee Mr. Brian Corrigan, nonvoting designee
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:	Mr. Mike Clark, nonvoting designee

##### Absent from the Meeting:

Alaska State Official:	Mr. Charles Swanton (nonvoting)
U.S. State Department:	Mr. David Hogan, nonvoting designee



**3. Executive Director's Report – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-9-17am1](#) @0:05:23]**

Mr. Tracy introduced the Informational Reports and informed the Council of events that are happening around the area over the weekend. Ms. Lowman added some additional information regarding Informational Report 5 on the Recreational Roundtables.

**4. Agenda – Herb Pollard [[mp3: 6-9-17am1](#) @0:14:12]**

**a. Council Action: Approve Agenda**

**Motion 1:** Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, June 7-14, 2017 Council Meeting Agenda](#) with a minor change in Agenda order for F.8 by allowing the EFP proponents to discuss prior to the management team and advisory body statements.

David Crabbe/Mark Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

**B. Open Comment Period**

**1. [Comments on Non-Agenda Items](#) – Mike Burner [[mp3: 6-9-17am1](#) @0:16:51]**

**a. Advisory Body and Management Entity Comments**

**b. Public Comment**

None

**c. Council Discussion as Appropriate**

**Staff Summary:** None

**C. Administrative Matters**

**1. [Council Coordination Committee Meeting Report](#) – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-9-17am1](#) @0:27:50]**

[Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1](#): 2017 Council Coordination Committee Meeting, Beauport Hotel • Gloucester, MA, May 15-18, 2017, Agenda

[Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Executive Director's Report on the Council Coordination Committee Meeting

[Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Letter from the CCC to Secretary Zinke and Secretary Ross regarding National Monument Review

[Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Letter with attachments, from the Western Pacific Council to Secretary Ross regarding review of Monument designations under the Antiquities Act (*Electronic Only*)

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

**b. Public Comment**

None

**c. Council Action: Consider Report on the Council Coordination Committee Meeting**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

**2. Fiscal Matters – Patricia Crouse [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#)] @0:00:30]**

Agenda Item C.2, Supplemental Attachment 1: Executive Director’s Report to the Budget Committee (*Electronic Only*)

- a. Report of the Budget Committee – Dorothy Lowman [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#)] @0:01:13]
- b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**
- c. **Public Comment**

None

- d. **Council Action: Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations** [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#)] @0:11:15]

**Motion 7** [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#)] @0:11:36]: Council adopt the recommendations of the Budget Committee (Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental Budget Committee Report, June 2017)  
Dorothy Lowman/Phil Anderson (Motion carried, Mr. Wulff abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council was unable to adopt a final 2017 Operational Budget as planned, but intends to do so at the September 2017 meeting.

**3. Legislative Matters – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#)] @0:14:40]**

Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1: Staff Summary of Federal Legislation

Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 2: Summary of HR 2023

Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 3: MSA with changes proposed by HR 200 and HR 2023 (*Electronic Only*)

Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 4: Summary of California SB-402

Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 5: Text of SB-402

Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 6: Council letter to Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler on HR 200

Agenda Item C.3, Supplemental Attachment 7: Regional Fishery Management Council Positions on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Issues; Council Coordinating Committee Working Paper (*Electronic Only*)

Agenda Item C.3, Supplemental Attachment 8: Congressional Activities Report for the Council Coordination Committee

- a. Report of the Legislative Committee – Dave Hanson [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#)] @0:17:18]
- b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**
- c. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#)] @0:20:10]

Corey Ridings, Ocean Conservancy

- d. **Council Action: Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations** [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#)] @0:27:13]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

**4. [Approval of Council Meeting Records](#) – Herb Pollard [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1 @0:29:02](#)]**

[Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1](#): Draft Council Meeting Record: 238th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (March 8-13, 2017)

[Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 2](#): Draft Council Meeting Record: 239th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (April 7-11, 2017)

- a. **Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Records** [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1 @0:29:14](#)]

**Motion 8** [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1 @0:30:46](#)]: Council approve the March 2017 and April 2017 Council meeting records as shown in Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1, June 2017 and Attachment 2, June 2017 respectively.

David Crabbe/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** None

**5. [Stock Assessment Improvement Plan Comments](#) – John DeVore [[mp3: 6-14-17am1 @1:53:53](#)]**

[Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1](#): “Implementing a Next Generation Stock Assessment Enterprise: An Update to NOAA Fisheries’ Stock Assessment Improvement (*Full Version Electronic Only*)

- a. **NMFS Report** – Rick Methot [[mp3: 6-14-17am1 @1:54:28](#)]
- b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-14-17am2 @0:00:56](#)]

[Agenda Item C.5.b, SSC Report](#): Scientific and Statistical Committee Report on Stock Assessment Improvement Plan Comments

[Agenda Item C.5.b, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item C.5.b, Supplemental CPSAS Report](#)

[Agenda Item C.5.b, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

- c. **Public Comment**

None

- d. **Council Action: Review and Comment on the Stock Assessment Improvement Plan** [[mp3: 6-14-17am2 @0:11:33](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council and its advisors received a briefing on a draft update of the NMFS Stock Assessment Improvement Plan (SAIP). The Council directed staff to send a letter to NMFS summarizing the recommendations provided by the [Scientific and Statistical Committee](#), [Groundfish Management Team](#), [Groundfish Advisory Subpanel](#), and the [Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel](#). Comments from all the Regional Fishery Management Councils will be considered in the final draft of the updated SAIP, which is anticipated in September.

6. [National Marine Fisheries Service \(NMFS\) White Paper on Best Scientific Information Available \(BSIA\) – John DeVore \[mp3: 6-14-17am2 @017:24\]](#)

[Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 1](#): Framework for Determining that Fishery Management Decisions are Based on the Best Scientific Information Available

- a. [NMFS Report – Rick Methot \[mp3: 6-14-17am2 @0:18:39\]](#)
- b. [Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities \[mp3: 6-14-17am2 @0:51:08\]](#)

[Agenda Item C.6.b, Supplemental SSC Report](#)  
[Agenda Item C.6.b, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

c. **Public Comment**

None

- d. **Council Action: Review and Comment on the NMFS BSIS White Paper [mp3: 6-14-17am2 @0:52:02]**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council and its advisors received a briefing on a draft NMFS policy on determining the Best Scientific Information Available (BSIA) for decision-making by Regional Fishery Management Councils. The Council emphasized the Pacific Council's robust scientific peer review and oversight by the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee in its BSIA determination process. The Council also underscored the need for quick determinations by NMFS at the regional level, given the need to avoid delays in using BSIA, and noted the current strong association of the Pacific Council and the Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers. The Council directed staff to send a letter to NMFS summarizing these comments. A draft policy paper from NMFS on how to make BSIA determinations is anticipated later this year.

7. [Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedure – Mike Burner \[mp3: 6-14-17am2 @1:06:01\]](#)

[Agenda Item C.7, Supplemental Attachment 1](#): DRAFT COP 4, SSC

- a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**
- b. **Public Comment [mp3: 6-14-17am2 @1:10:20]**

[Agenda Item C.7.b, Supplemental Public Comment](#)

Tara Brock, PEW Charitable Trusts

- c. **Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures [mp3: 6-14-17am2 @1:11:31]**

**Motion 23:** Council appoint Ms. Corey Ridings to the vacant California seat on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel.

David Crabbe/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 24:** Council appoint Dr. Andrew Shelton to the vacant National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center seat on the Scientific and Statistical Committee.  
Dorothy Lowman/Caren Braby (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 25:** Council approve the changes to COP 4 as shown in Agenda Item C.7, Supplemental Attachment 1.  
Marc Gorelnik/Phil Anderson (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 26:** Council elect Mr. Phil Anderson as the Council Chair for the August 11, 2017 through August 10, 2018 term.  
Rich Lincoln/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 27:** Council elect Mr. David Crabbe as the Council Vice Chair for the August 11, 2017 through August 10, 2018 term.  
Marc Gorelnik/Corey Niles (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council elected Mr. Phil Anderson as the Council Chair and Mr. David Crabbe as the Council Vice-Chair for the August 11, 2017 through August 10, 2018 term.

The Council reviewed and approved the following appointments:

- Ms. Corey Ridings was appointed to the vacant California seat on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel.
- Dr. Andrew (Ole) Shelton was appointed to the vacant NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center seat on the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

The Council adopted changes to COP 4 regarding SSC membership, replacing the designated Alaska Fisheries Science Center seat with an at-large seat. Additionally, the Council directed staff to solicit nominations for this new at-large seat with an emphasis on seeking expertise in stock assessment science. A formal request for nominations will be posted to the Council webpage in the near future, with an anticipated submission deadline of August 15, 2017.

**8. [Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning](#) – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-14-17am2 @1:21:17](#)]**

[Agenda Item C.8, Attachment 1](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary

[Agenda Item C.8, Attachment 2](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 12-18, 2017 in Boise, Idaho

[Agenda Item C.8, Attachment 3](#): Groundfish Workload Priorities

[Agenda Item C.8, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary (*dated 06/14/2017*)

[Agenda Item C.8, Supplemental Attachment 5](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 12-18, 2017 in Boise, Idaho (*Updated 06/14/2017*)

[Agenda Item C.8, Supplemental Attachment 6](#): Groundfish Workload Priorities (*updated 06/14/2017*)

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-14-17am2 @1:21:17](#)]

[Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental NMFS Report](#): Rulemaking Update – Groundfish Midwater Sport Fishery in Oregon

[Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Scheduling the Development of Review and Additional, Non-STAR Assessment Products to Support Management in 2018-20

[Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

[Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental EFH/RCA Project Team Report](#)

[Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-14-17am2 @2:12:09](#)]

[Agenda Item C.8.b, Public Comment](#)

Heather Fathali, Cascadia Cross-Border Law presented [Agenda Item C.8.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint](#): American Indians Born in Canada and the Right of Free Access to the United States (*Fathali*)

Ben Enticknap, Oceana

Tara Brock, PEW Charitable Trusts

c. **Council Action: Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning** [[mp3: 6-14-17am2 2:34:55](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

## D. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. **Final Pacific Mackerel Stock Assessment and Management Measures** – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 6-9-17am2 @0:00:30](#)]

[Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1](#): Pacific Mackerel Biomass Projection Estimate

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-9-17am2 @0:03:21](#)]

[Agenda Item D.1.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.1.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.1.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-9-17am2 @0:28:26](#)]

Diane Pleschner-Steele, California Wetfish Producers Association

c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Fisheries** [[mp3: 6-9-17am2 @0:32:59](#)]

**Motion 2:** Council:

1. Approve the Pacific mackerel biomass projection estimate for US management in 2017-18 and 2018-19 (Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1, June 2017).

2. Adopt the ‘Harvest and Management Specifications’ section and tables 1 and 2 described in Agenda Item D.1.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report, June 2017.  
 Briana Brady/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously).

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted Pacific mackerel harvest specifications and management measures for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 fishing seasons, which run July 1-June 30 each season. These include the specifications in the table below, and the following management measures: if the directed fishery reaches the annual catch target (ACT), it will close and shift to an incidental-only fishery for the remainder of the fishing year, with a 45 percent incidental landing allowance when Pacific mackerel are landed with other coastal pelagic species (CPS); in non-CPS fisheries, up to 3 mt of Pacific mackerel per landing may be landed, to be counted against the annual catch limit (ACL).

	2017-18	2018-19
Biomass	143,403 mt	131,724 mt
OFL	30,115 mt	27,662 mt
ABC <sub>0.45</sub>	27,510 mt	25,269 mt
ACL (=ABC)	27,510 mt	25,269 mt
HG	26,293 mt	23,840 mt
ACT	25,293 mt	22,840 mt
Incidental	1,000 mt	1,000 mt

2. [Final Approval of Aerial Survey Methodology](#) – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1 @0:00:20](#)]

[Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1](#): Methodology Review Panel Report

- a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1 @0:05:43](#)]

[Agenda Item D.2.a, CDFW Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report](#)

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1 @0:23:06](#)]

Diane Pleschner-Steele, California Wetfish Producers Association

- c. **Council Action: Approve Aerial Survey Methodology for Use in Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessments** [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1 @0:24:21](#)]

**Motion 3** [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1](#) @0:25:19]: Council approve the aerial survey methodology for use in future Coastal Pelagic Species stock assessments, consistent with the Methodology Review Panel report (Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1).

Briana Brady/David Crabbe (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council approved the CDFW aerial survey methodology for use in future CPS stock assessments, consistent with recommendations contained in the [Methodology Review Panel report](#).

## E. Habitat

### 1. [Current Habitat Issues](#) – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1](#) @0:32:21]

[Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 1](#): Letter to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Permit Renewal and Expansion of the Coast Seafoods project

[Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 2](#): Draft letter on Klamath Dam removal operations

[Agenda Item E.1, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Proposed Potential Comments for a Draft letter on National Pollution Discharge Elimination System general permit

#### a. **Report of the Habitat Committee** – Eric Wilkins [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1](#) @0:34:32]

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental HC Report](#): Update on EPA's new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit program

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental HC Report 2](#): Report on Habitat Issues

#### b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

#### c. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1](#) @0:50:48]

James Mize, Premier Pacific Seafood

Dan Waldeck, Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative

Sarah Nayani, Artic Storm Management Group

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

#### d. **Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Recommendations** [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1](#) @1:14:30]

**Motion 4** [[mp3: 6-9-17pm1](#) @1:53:19]: Council approved the draft Klamath letter (Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 2).

Marci Yaremko/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council directed staff to finalize and send the [draft letter on Klamath dam operations](#), and to conduct a webinar or conference call between the June and September Council meetings to discuss Oroville dam operations, with invitations to representatives of California Department of Water Resources, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).



## F. Groundfish Management

### 1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Brett Wiedoff [[mp3: 6-9-17pm2 @0:00:13](#)]

#### a. **Regulatory Activities** – Frank Lockhart [[mp3: 6-9-17pm2 @0:01:51](#)]

[Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Groundfish and Halibut *Federal Register* Notices

[Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental REVISED NMFS Report 2](#): Rulemakings and Other Major Activities for Groundfish in 2017

[Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 3](#): Proposal to Extend the Gear EFP and a 2019 Implementation Date for the Gear Rule

#### b. **Fisheries Science Center Activities** – Kevin Werner and Mark Strom [[mp3: 6-9-17pm2 @0:25:37](#)]

[Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental NWFSC PowerPoint](#): Groundfish Science Report

#### c. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities**

#### d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-9-17pm2 @0:51:29](#)]

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

Lori Steele, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

Ralph Brown

#### e. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 6-9-17pm2 @1:03:05](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

### 2. [Trawl Catch Shares Review Draft Report and Intersector Allocation Report](#) – Jim Seger and John DeVore [[mp3: 6-10-17am1 @0:01:12](#)]

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1](#): Calendars for Trawl Catch Share and Intersector Allocation Reviews

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 2](#): Evaluating the Performance of Intersector Allocations Since Implementation of the Trawl Catch Share Program

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 3](#): Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan for the California, Oregon, and Washington Groundfish Fishery, Description of Trawl Rationalization (Catch Shares) Program Appendix E

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 4](#): NMFS Procedural Instruction 01-121-01, Guidance for Conducting Review of Catch Share Programs

#### a. **Presentation of the Catch Shares Review Analysts** – Lisa Pfeiffer, Abigail Harley, Wendy Morrison, Jennifer Gilden, and Suzanne Russell [[mp3: 6-10-17am1 @0:17:16](#)]

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Catch Share Analysts Report](#): West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-year Review – Draft (*Full Version Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental Errata to Draft Analysis](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental PowerPoint](#): Presentation of the Catch Shares Review Analysts

b. [Reports and Comments of the Scientific and Statistical Committee – Cameron Speir \[mp3: 6-10-17am2 @0:00:32\]](#)

c. [Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities \[mp3: 6-12-17pm3 @0:00:15\]](#) & [\[mp3: 6-13-17am1 @0:00:26\]](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental CAB Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.d, Public Comment](#)

d. [Public Comment \[mp3: 6-13-17am1 @0:34:19\]](#) & [\[mp3: 6-13-17am2 @0:00:14\]](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.d, Public Comment](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.d, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.d, Supplemental Public Comment 3](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.d, Supplemental Public Comment 4](#) (Electronic Only)

Bob Alverson, Fishing Vessel Owners Association

Ralph Brown

Jeff Lackey

Merrick Burden & Jenny Couture, Environmental Defense Fund presented [Agenda Item F.2.d, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint 1](#) (EDF)

Paul Clampitt, F/V Augustine

Michele Longo-Eder

Mike Okoniewski and Jonathan Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood presented [Agenda Item F.2.d, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint 2](#) (Pacific Seafood)

Lori Steele, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

Dan Waldeck, Pacific Whiting Conservation Coop

Donna Parker, Artic Storm and United Catcher Boats

John Corbin, Buck & Ann Fisheries

Kevin Dunn

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

Tom Libby

James Mize, Premier Pacific Seafoods, Inc

e. **Council Action: Approve Trawl Catch Shares Draft Program Review for Public Review, Approve Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Appendix E, and Provide Guidance on Intersector Allocations and Initial Priorities for Trawl Catch Share Follow-on Actions [mp3: 6-13-17am2 @0:32:36] & [mp3: 6-13-17pm1 @0:00:08]**

**Motion 13 [mp3: 6-13-17am2 @0:51:08]:** Council complete the intersector allocation review with the change recommended by the GMT (Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental GMT Report, June 2017) and approve Appendix E with the changes recommended by the GMT except for the section E.2.1.6 the proposed change to the second sentence.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 14 [mp3: 6-13-17am2 @0:59:29]:** Council approve the draft report for public review with the following changes:

- Include the Trawl Catch Shares 5-Year Review Community Advisory Board's recommendations #1d (other constraining species), #2 (comparison indicators of profit), and #4 (should be corrected to #5) (ports list) in Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental CAB Report, June 2017, pages 1-2;
- Incorporate the recommendations in Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental SSC Report, June 2017; and
- Review the Executive Summary and consider revising or adding language to clearly convey that many of the program's economic benefit objectives have not been achieved.

Maggie Sommer/Jeff Feldner (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 15** [[mp3: 6-13-17am2](#) @1:08:00]: Council announce that any acquisition of CP permits and/or use of CP sector whiting allocation after June 13, 2017 may not be included in any grandfather clause adopted by the Council when establishing ownership and/or use limits for CP permits. Request that NMFS make this announcement in the *Federal Register*. And add the following alternatives for analysis:

- No individual or entity may own or control more than four CP permits.
- No individual or entity owning a CP permit(s) may process more than 45 percent of the total CP sector whiting allocation.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 16** [[mp3: 6-13-17am2](#) @1:13:40]: Council to prioritize as:

**Follow-on action high-priority items:** Expedite completion of actions already "in the pipeline" (i.e., RCA/EFH, trawl gear regulation changes, and EFPs).

Recommend that the CAB consider the following issues, and provide preliminary alternatives, if possible, for Council consideration in September, 2017:

- Elimination of the sablefish management line at 36° N. for the trawl sector
- Long-term solutions to address at-sea whiting bycatch needs, including but not limited to consideration of a permanent change from allocations/hard caps to set-asides; not including permanent QP trading at this time
- Changing accumulation limits
- Alternative management tools/approaches for choke species
- Gear switching: consider results of further analysis (see below)

**Further analysis to support scoping of high-priority follow-on actions:** Request that the catch share review analysis team conduct additional analyses necessary to:

- Understand the impacts of accumulation limits, and support evaluation of changing and/or eliminating them
- Understand the nature and extent of gear-switching and sablefish access issues:
  - CAB recommendations 1.a, e, and f in Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental CAB Report, June 2017, page 1
  - Factors influencing sablefish quota lease prices
  - Impact of sablefish lease price and availability on economic stability of harvesters and processors
  - Understand the implications of a continuing increase in the ratio of leasing to owner-on-board use of QS/QP

**Additional follow-on actions (for subsequent consideration):**

- Recommend the CAB further explore and develop alternatives for permanent resolution of AMP.
- Request that NMFS explore options for reducing observer and catch monitor costs and report back to the Council.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman

**Amendment 1** [[mp3: 6-13-17am2](#) @1:34:21]: Council include for analysis setting a percentage of QS/QP for sablefish that would be designated as trawl only. This could be considered in the context of the AMP or as a stand-alone item.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (amendment carried unanimously)

Main Motion, as amended, carried unanimously

**Staff Summary:** The Council directed staff to finalize the intersector allocation review document, after incorporating the changes [recommended by the Groundfish Management Team \(GMT\)](#), and to finalize the update of the description of the catch share program contained in Appendix E, after incorporating the changes recommended by the GMT excluding the proposed changes to the review schedule. The Council directed staff to release for public review the draft catch share review document, after incorporating recommendations from the [Scientific and Statistical Committee \(SSC\)](#) and the [Community Advisory Board's \(CAB\) recommendations](#) 1.d (other constraining species), 2 (comparison indicators of profit), and 5 (ports list). The authors were also directed to consider whether to revise or add clarifying language to the executive summary conveying that many of the program's economic benefit objectives have not yet been achieved.

The Council identified possible follow-on actions for the catch share review, but also noted that expedited completion of essential fish habitat (EFH)/Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) revisions, the trawl gear regulatory package, and EFPs for gear and for year-round coastwide use of midwater gear to target non-whiting species, already under consideration by the Council, was a high priority. Follow-on actions identified included: 1) elimination of the sablefish management line at 36° N. for the trawl sector; 2) long-term solutions to address at-sea whiting bycatch needs; 3) changing accumulation limits; and 4) alternative management tools/management approaches for constraining species. At its July 27-28 meeting in Portland, Oregon, the CAB will work on developing preliminary alternatives on these issues for Council consideration in September 2017.

The Council requested the following specific analyses be provided to the CAB for consideration: the impacts of accumulation limits; the implications of continued increase in the ratio of quota pounds (QP) leasing to quota share (QS) owner use of QS/QP; and gear switching, including the possibility of establishing an amount of sablefish QS/QP that could only be used with trawl gear.

The Council also took action to consider limiting the accumulation of control over access and harvest within the catcher-processor (CP) sector. The Council recommended that NMFS announce that any acquisition of CP permits and/or use of CP sector whiting allocation after June 13, 2017 might not be included in any grandfather clause adopted by the Council when establishing ownership and/or use limits for CP permits. Further, the Council identified the following action alternatives for initial analysis: 1) no individual or entity may own or control more than four CP permits; and 2) no individual or entity owning a CP permit(s) may process more than 45 percent of the total CP sector whiting allocation.

As additional follow-on actions for subsequent consideration, the Council directed the CAB to explore and develop alternatives for permanent resolution of the AMP, and asked that NMFS explore options for reducing observer and catch monitor costs and report back to the Council.

**3. [Scoping of the Trawl Catch Shares Discard Survival Credits for Sablefish and Lingcod](#) – **Brett Wiedoff** [[mp3: 6-10-17am2 @0:07:00](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.3, Supplemental Agenda Item Overview PowerPoint](#): Scoping of Trawl Catch Shares Discard Survival Credits for Sablefish and Lingcod (*Brett Wiedoff*)

[Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1](#): Trawl IFQ – Discard Survival Credit for Lingcod and Sablefish Scoping Document

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-10-17am2 @0:21:01](#)]

[Agenda Item F.3.a, GMT Report 1](#): Sablefish and Lingcod Discard Mortality Rates

[Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

**b. Public Comment**

None

**c. Council Action: Scope Issues for Applying Sablefish and Lingcod Discard Survival Credits in Trawl Catch Share Accounts and Provide Guidance on Future Analyses and Schedule** [[mp3: 6-10-17am2 @0:43:05](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council supported moving forward with the development of alternatives for lingcod and sablefish discard survival credits in the trawl catch share program. The Council recommended adding the agenda item to the list of potential management measures in the 2019-2020 groundfish specifications process versus keeping it as a separate agenda item. The Council asked the GMT and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) to assist in the development of alternatives for consideration. If the management measures are analyzed in the specifications process, then the Council requests that the GMT coordinate with the SSC to review the analysis. The Council would also like to include an analysis of how revision or removal of the lingcod size limits may affect all groundfish fishing sectors.

**4. [Final Stock Assessments and Catch Reports](#) – **John DeVore** [[mp3: 6-10-17am2 @1:02:55](#)]**

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 1](#): Executive Summary of “2017 Assessment Update for the U.S. West Coast Stock of Arrowtooth Flounder.”

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 1 \(Full\)](#): “2017 Assessment Update for the U.S. West Coast Stock of Arrowtooth Flounder” (*Full Version Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 2](#): Executive Summary of “DRAFT Stock assessment update of blackgill rockfish, *Sebastes melanostomus*, in the Conception and Monterey INPFC areas for 2017”

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 2 \(Full\)](#): “DRAFT Stock assessment update of blackgill rockfish, *Sebastes melanostomus*, in the Conception and Monterey INPFC areas for 2017” (**Full Version Electronic Only**)

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 3](#): Executive Summary of “Stock Assessment Update: Status of Bocaccio, *Sebastes paucispinis*, in the Conception, Monterey and Eureka INPFC areas for 2017”

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 3 \(Full\)](#): “Stock Assessment Update: Status of Bocaccio, *Sebastes paucispinis*, in the Conception, Monterey and Eureka INPFC areas for 2017” (**Full Version Electronic Only**)

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 4](#): Executive Summary of “Status of the Darkblotched Rockfish Resource off the Continental U.S. Pacific Coast in 2017 (Update of 2015 Assessment Model)”

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 4 \(Full\)](#): “Status of the Darkblotched Rockfish Resource off the Continental U.S. Pacific Coast in 2017 (Update of 2015 Assessment Model)” (**Full Document Electronic Only**)

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 5](#): Total Mortality for Cowcod (*Sebastes levis*) and Related Harvest Specifications, 2013-2016

- a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-10-17am2 @1:05:48](#)]

[Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

- b. **Public Comment**

None

- c. **Council Action: Approve Final Stock Assessment Updates and Cowcod Catch Report for 209-2020 Management** [[mp3: 6-10-17am2 @1:20:02](#)]

**Motion 5** [[mp3: 6-10-17am2 @1:23:05](#)]: Council adopt the stock assessments and Cowcod report as endorsed by the SSC (Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report, June 2017). Corey Niles/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted new update stock assessments for arrowtooth flounder, blackgill rockfish, bocaccio, and darkblotched rockfish; as well as a new cowcod catch report. Arrowtooth flounder status is considered healthy with a depletion of 87 percent at the start of 2017 (relative to the management target of 25 percent) and an increasing biomass due to strong recent recruitments. Blackgill rockfish status is estimated to be close to, but just below, the management target of 40 percent with a depletion of 39 percent at the start of 2017. Bocaccio is estimated to be above their target of 40 percent with a depletion of 48 percent at the start of 2017. Darkblotched rockfish is also estimated to be just above the management target of 40 percent with a depletion of 40.03 percent at the start of 2017. Bocaccio and darkblotched rockfish have been managed under rebuilding plans and have subsequently been declared rebuilt by NMFS. The cowcod catch report indicated that recent year (2013-2016) catches have been well below the ACLs specified under the cowcod rebuilding plan, and the stock remains on track to be rebuilt by 2019.

5. **Scoping of the Multi-Year Average Catch Policy** – John DeVore [[mp3: 6-10-17pm1 @0:00:34](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-10-17pm1 @0:04:11](#)]

[Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

b. **Public Comment**

None

c. **Council Action: Scope Issues for Multi-Year Average Catch Policy and Provide Guidance on Future Analyses and Schedule** [[mp3: 6-10-17pm1 @0:20:04](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council received initial scoping comments from the GMT and GAP regarding a multi-year average catch policy which seeks to provide a more flexible ACL management framework. NMFS will inform the Council in September whether establishment of a new multi-year policy will require an amendment to the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan. The Council tasked the GMT and GAP with developing a draft purpose and need statement which articulates the need for such a policy, and report to the Council in September. The Council also tasked the GMT and GAP with providing examples of how a new multi-year average catch policy would work.

6. **Electronic Ticket Reporting Timeline Requirements** – Jim Seger [[mp3: 6-10-17pm1 @0:34:08](#)]

[Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental Attachment 1](#): Draft Options for Meeting the 24-hour E-Ticket Reporting Requirement From Remote locations and/or After Business Hours on Weekends or Holidays

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-10-17pm1 @0:40:26](#)]

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental EC Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-10-17pm1 @1:00:30](#)]

Tom Libby (California Shellfish) and Mike Okoniewski (Pacific Seafood)

c. **Council Action: Review Reporting Requirements and Provide Guidance on Future Council Action, if any** [[mp3: 6-10-17pm1 @1:10:38](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council reviewed the current options available for first receivers to comply with the 24-hour reporting requirement for electronic fish tickets, and determined that [existing options](#) are adequate, which required no Council action or regulatory changes.

7. **[Specifications and Management Measures Process for 2019-2020 Fisheries](#)** – Kelly Ames and John DeVore [**[mp3: 6-11-17am1](#)** @0:02:35]

[Agenda Item F.7, Attachment 1](#): Proposed Schedule for Developing the 2019-2020 Groundfish Harvest Specifications and Management Measures

[Agenda Item F.7, Attachment 2](#): Council Operating Procedure 9 Management and Activity Cycles (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item F.7, Attachment 3](#): Council Operating Procedure 25 Groundfish Methodology Reviews (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item F.7, Attachment 4](#): Council Operating Procedure 19 Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Groundfish Fisheries (*Electronic Only*)

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [**[mp3: 6-11-17am1](#)** @0:10:34]

[Agenda Item F.7.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.7.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

b. **Public Comment**

[Agenda Item F.7.b, Supplemental Public Comment](#)

c. **Council Action: Initial Scoping of Issues and Adoption for a Process for Specifications and Management Measures for 2019-2020 Fisheries** [**[mp3: 6-11-17am1](#)** @0:50:09]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the process and schedule for 2019-2020 specifications and management measures as [proposed by NMFS and Council Staff](#) with regulations scheduled for implementation on January 1, 2019. At the September meeting, the Council is scheduled to adopt stock assessments for lingcod, Pacific ocean perch, yelloweye, yellowtail, blue/deacon rockfishes, and California scorpionfish. The Council is also scheduled to take final action on overfishing limits and sigmas, as well as a range of P\* values and acceptable biological catches, if applicable. Further, the Council is scheduled to consider a preliminary range of new management measures. Final action for all matters associated with the 2019-2020 harvest specifications and management measures is scheduled for June 2018.

8. **[Coastwide Non-Whiting Midwater and Gear Modification Exempted Fishing Permit Progress Reports](#)** – Jim Seger [**[mp3: 6-11-17am2](#)** @0:00:05]

[Agenda Item F.8, Supplemental Attachment 1](#): Midwater Trawl EFP Proposal

[Agenda Item F.8, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Gear EFP Progress Report

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [**[mp3: 6-11-17am2](#)** @0:40:21]

[Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental NMFS Report](#): Trawl Gear Modification Exempted Fishing Permit Update

[Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)



[Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental EC Report](#)

b. **Public Comment (EFP Participants)** [[mp3: 6-11-17am2 @0:04:49](#)]

[Agenda Item F.8.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint](#): Selective Flatfish Trawl EFP Progress Report (*participants*)

c. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-11-17am2 @1:04:27](#)]

Mike Okoniewski, Pacific Seafood  
Travis Hunter  
Brad Pettinger, Oregon Trawl Commission  
Ralph Brown,  
Kevin Dunn, F/V Iron Lady

d. **Council Action: Review Progress Reports and Adopt Preliminary EFP for Public Review, as Appropriate** [[mp3: 6-11-17am2 @1:24:12](#)]

**Motion 6** [[mp3: 6-11-17am2 @1:53:33](#)]: Council adopt the preliminary 2018 Year-Round Midwater Rockfish EFP as proposed in Agenda Item F.8.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint, June 2017, with the following additions and recommendations:

- Work with NMFS OLE to modify the declaration process in order to accommodate the use of multiple trawl gears on one trip, and to document gear type use at the individual haul level.
- Enable the EFP to test whether observers or EM can confirm the type of gear being used, as recommended by the EC in Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental EC Report, June 2017.
- Require EFP participants to provide information on specific gear configurations by haul to NMFS, as recommended by the GMT in Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report, June 2017.
- Specify an area-based sub-cap of 80 chinook for the area South of 42° N., out of the 800 allowed in the entire EFP area prior to May 15.

Additionally, request NMFS to review the options for decision-making on the operation of this EFP south of 42° N. and report to the Council in September, including consideration of delaying approval of the EFP south of 42 until 2018 pre-season Chinook forecasts are available, and/or approving only limited elements of the EFP for the area south of 42° N.

Maggie Sommer/Marci Yaremko (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted the preliminary 2018 Year-Round Midwater Rockfish exempted fishing permit (EFP) [as proposed by the proponents](#) with the following additions and recommendations: (1) work with NMFS Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) to modify the declaration process in order to accommodate the use of multiple trawl gears on one trip, and to document gear type use at the individual haul level; (2) enable the EFP to test whether observers or electronic monitoring (EM) can confirm the type of gear being used, as [recommended by the Enforcement Consultants \(EC\)](#); (3) require EFP participants to provide information on specific gear configurations by haul to NMFS, as [recommended by the GMT](#); and (4) specify an area-based sub-cap of 80 chinook for the area South of 42° N., out of the 800 allowed in the entire EFP area prior to May 15. The Council also requested that the EFP holders transmit the additional haul-specific gear configuration information from the 2017 EFP to NMFS for the trips already made, consistent with the GMT recommendation.

Additionally, the Council requested NMFS to review the options for decision-making processes for the operation of the EFP south of 42° N. and report to the Council in September, including consideration of the possibility of delaying approval of the EFP south of 42° N. until the 2018 pre-season Chinook forecasts are available, and/or approving only limited elements of the EFP for the area south of 42° N.

**9. Final Action on Updated Coordinates for the 125 Fathom Rockfish Conservation Area Line in California – Kelly Ames [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#) @0:33:02]**

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#) @0:36:54]**

[Agenda Item F.9.a, CDFW Report](#): California Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Corrections to the 125 fm RCA line between 40° 10' and 34° 27' N. Latitude

[Agenda Item F.9.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

**b. Public Comment**

None

**c. Council Action: Adopt Final Revised RCA Coordinates [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#) @0:40:37]**

**Motion 9 [[mp3: 6-11-17pm1](#) @0:41:14]**: Council adopt the final coordinates for the 125 fathom RCA line in CA as described in Agenda Item F.9.a, CDFW Report, June 2017.

Joanna Grebel/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted revised coordinates for the 125 fm line at Usal and Noyo canyons in California, as shown in Table 1 of the [CDFW Report](#), for NMFS implementation. These modifications are intended to provide access to canyons that were previously open when the 150 fm line was in effect (2003-2016). The modifications for Delgada, Point Ano Nuevo, and Cordell Banks contained in the [CDFW Report](#) from the April 2017 Council meeting and any other proposed modifications will be forwarded for consideration in the 2019-2020 harvest specifications and management measures process at the September 2017 Council meeting.

**10. Final Action on Inseason Adjustments – Kelly Ames [[mp3: 6-13-17pm1](#) @0:13:07]**

**a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities [[mp3: 6-13-17pm1](#) @0:14:41]**

[Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#): Informational Report on Updated Nearshore Discard Mortality Rates for Rockfish

[Agenda Item F.10.a, REVISED Supplemental GMT Report 2](#): Inseason Adjustments

[Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3](#): Developing Criteria for Releasing the POP, Darkblotched Rockfish, and Canary Rockfish Buffers to the At-Sea Sectors

[Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

[Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental SAS Report](#)

**b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-13-17pm1](#) @0:59:48]**

[Agenda Item F.10.b, Supplemental Public Comment](#)

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative  
 Donna Parker, Arctic Storm  
 Dan Waldeck, Pacific Whiting Conservation Coop

- c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments, as Necessary to Achieve, but Not Exceed, Annual Catch Limits, and Other Management Objectives** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm1 @1:27:24](#)]

**Motion 17** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm1 @1:28:06](#)]: Council to adopt as inseason action:

- North of 40° 10' N. latitude, increase the lingcod trip limits for the limited entry and open access fixed gear sectors to the values in Table 1, Option 2 in Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 2, June 2017.
- South of 40° 10' N. latitude, increase the lingcod trip limits for limited entry and open access fixed gear sectors to the values in Table 3, Option 2 in Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 2, June 2017, and modify the shoreward non-trawl RCA boundary between 40° 10' N. lat. and 34° 27' N. lat. from 30 fathoms to 40 fathoms.

Maggie Sommer/Joanna Grebel (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 18** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm1 @1:49:24](#)]: Council approve the release of the POP buffer (25 mt) and the Darkblotched buffer (50 mt) to the MS and CP sectors dividing the buffer amounts equally between the two sectors.

Phil Anderson/David Sones (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Staff Summary:** The Council recommended NMFS implement increases to the lingcod limited entry and open access fixed gear limits as soon as possible as follows:

Area	Sector	July-Oct	Nov	Dec
North 40° 10' N. Lat.	LE	1,400 lbs. bimonthly	700 lbs.	400 lbs.
	OA	700 lbs. monthly	700 lbs.	200 lbs.
South 40° 10' N. Lat.	LE	1,200 lbs. bimonthly	600 lbs.	300 lbs.
	OA	600 lbs. monthly	200 lbs.	150 lbs.

The Council also recommended the shoreward boundary of the non-trawl RCA between 40° 10' N. lat. and 34° 27' N. lat. be modified from 30 fathoms to 40 fathoms.

The Council also discussed the challenges the at-sea sectors have experienced managing their rockfish bycatch allocations as the sectors voluntarily move north to avoid Chinook salmon. The at-sea sectors noted the possibility of voluntary agreements to transfer canary and widow rockfish allocations between the mothership and catcher-processor sectors. The Council encouraged

NMFS to implement such allocation changes if the agreements are forwarded to the agency. The Council also recommended NMFS allocate the Pacific ocean perch (25 mt) and darkblotched rockfish (50 mt) buffers equally to the mothership and CP sectors.

Finally, the Council directed the GMT to develop alternatives for potentially distributing the canary rockfish buffers and report back at the September Council meeting in Boise, Idaho.

## **G. Pacific Halibut Management**

### **1. [Scoping for Catch Sharing Plan Changes and International Pacific Halibut Commission \(IPHC\) Data Request Report – Kelly Ames \[mp3: 6-12-17am1 @0:01:15\]](#)**

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1](#): 2017 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2](#): Visual Representation of the 2017 Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan for Pacific Halibut

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 3](#): Historical Catch Sharing Plan Allocations and Catch

#### **a. [IPHC Report – Steve Keith, Jamie Goen, and Ray Webster \[mp3: 6-12-17am1 @0:11:42\]](#)**

[Agenda Item G.1.a, IPHC Letter](#): Council Request for IPHC Regulatory Area 2A Spatial Data for Pacific Halibut

[Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental IPHC Letter 2](#): Re: Commercial derby fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A

[Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental IPHC PowerPoint](#): Estimates of Pacific halibut stock distribution within Area 2A

#### **b. [Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities \[mp3: 6-12-17am1 @0:49:40\] & \[mp3: 6-12-17am2 @0:00:10\]](#)**

[Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental WDFW Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental CDFW Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental SAS Report](#)

[Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental GAP Report](#)

#### **c. [Public Comment \[mp3: 6-12-17am2 @0:15:56\]](#)**

[Agenda Item G.1.c, Public Comment](#)

[Agenda Item G.1.c Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

David Croonquist, N. Olympic Salmon and Halibut Coalition

Paul Clampitt, F/V Augustine

Tom Marking

Bob Alverson, Fishing Vessel Owners Association

Jim Olson

#### **d. [Council Action: Review IPHC Report and Provide Guidance on Developing a Range of Alternatives for Future Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan Changes \[mp3: 6-12-17am2 @0:37:33\]](#)**

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council began scoping the potential for greater allocation changes for future CSPs than could be accomplished in the standard two-meeting process (i.e., September and November). The Council reviewed the agency and advisory subpanel reports, as well as public comment, and recommended the following options be further developed for Council consideration and NMFS assessment of the required analysis in September:

- Options for the Washington recreational sector, as shown in the [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \(WDFW\)](#) Report (starting at the bottom of page 4), intended to provide flexibility to share allocations among the Washington recreational sub-areas; a statewide season in May, along with reducing the possession limit in the field to one fish and an annual bag limit of two halibut per angler.
- Options for a combined commercial and recreational allocation for California as described in the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife \(CDFW\)](#) report. The allocation would be 7.51 or 7.15 percent of the non-tribal quota by reducing the non-tribal commercial share by 3.51 or 3.15 percent. The California commercial share would provide for incidental retention in the groundfish and salmon troll fisheries and the non-tribal commercial share would then be for north of 42° N. latitude only. CDFW may also consider an option that limits the California commercial share to incidental retention in the groundfish fisheries only while maintaining the incidental salmon troll allocation.
- Increase the California recreational subarea allocation from 4 to 6 percent by equally reducing the Washington and Oregon recreational subarea allocations as outlined in the [Groundfish Advisory Subpanel Report](#). When considering this option, WDFW may consider reducing the incidental halibut allocation to the primary sablefish north of Pt. Chehalis to provide Washington's proposed 1 percent contribution.
- Options for moving away from 10 hour derby openings, such as managing the non-tribal directed commercial fishery for halibut to provide a 20-day, 30-day, or shorter season managed with per vessel trip limits by vessel length.

The Council is scheduled to adopt for public review proposed changes to the 2018 CSP at their September 2017 meeting with final action scheduled for the November 2017 Council meeting.

## H. Highly Migratory Species Management

### 1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-12-17am3](#) @0:00:08]

#### a. [Regulatory Activities](#) – Heidi Taylor [[mp3: 6-12-17am3](#) @0:01:10]

[Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report: HMS Activities](#)

[Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 3](#)

#### b. [Science Center Activities](#) –Gerard DiNardo [[mp3: 6-12-17pm1](#) @0:00:17]

[Agenda Item H.1.b, Supplemental SWFSC PowerPoint: SWFSC HMS Activities \(DiNardo/Koch\)](#)

#### c. [Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities](#) [[mp3: 6-12-17pm1](#) @0:30:46]

[Agenda Item H.1.c, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.1.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm1 @0:53:14](#)]

[Agenda Item H.1.d, Supplemental Public Comment](#)

Ben Enticknap and Geoff Shester presented [Agenda Item H.1.d, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint](#) (Oceana)

Jonathan Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood

Tara Brock, The PEW Charitable Trusts

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

e. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm1 @1:19:06](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** None

2. **Amendment 4 to the Fishery Management Plan for West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS FMP) – Kit Dahl** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm2 @0:00:06](#)]

[Agenda Item H.2, Supplemental Staff Agenda Item Overview PowerPoint](#): Amendment 4 to the HMS FMP; Review of Proposed Changes (*Kit Dahl*)

[Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1](#): Fishery Management Plan For U.S. West Coast Fisheries For Highly Migratory Species; Amendment 4: “Housekeeping” Changes (Draft For Council Review)

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm2 @0:26:23](#)]

[Agenda Item H.2.a, HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item H.2.a Supplemental NMFS Report](#): Joint Report Between NMFS West Coast Region and SWFSC on Amendment 4: Specifying MSY-Based proxies for status determinations

[Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm2 @0:55:44](#)]

Doug Fricke

c. **Council Action: Adopt Proposed HMS FMP Amendment 4 Language for Public Review and Provide Further Guidance, as Necessary** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm2 @0:55:44](#)]

**Motion 10** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm2 @1:06:02](#)]: Council adopt the proposed HMS FMP amendment 4 language as contained in Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1 for public review.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 11** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm2 @1:29:03](#)]: Council adopt for public review the recommendation for Agenda Item H.2, as described in H.2.a, HMSMT Report, June 2017, to modify chapter 5 to address the biennial schedule.

Caren Braby/David Crabbe (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 12** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm2 @1:32:55](#)]: Council put out for public review, the wording from Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report, page 1, sections 1.1 and 4.5.1, June 2017.

Buzz Brizendine/David Crabbe

**Amendment 1** [[mp3: 6-12-17pm2 @1:37:47](#)]: Section 1.1 from the Supplemental HMSAS Report, as follows: 1) delete the last sentence that states “The logic here is to not disadvantage the US fleets in relation to fleets from other countries.” 2) Insert from section 4.5.1 from Attachment 1, the last two sentences from the first paragraph.

Michele Culver/Marci Yaremko (Amendment carried unanimously)

Main Motion, as amended, carried unanimously

**Staff Summary:** The Council adopted for public review [proposed changes](#) to the HMS FMP with additional changes recommended by the [Highly Migratory Species Management Team \(HMSMT\)](#) and a modified version of the changes proposed by the [Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel \(HMSAS\)](#).

A revised version of the proposed amendment language incorporating the additional changes proposed in the advisory body reports will be circulated as part of the advanced briefing book for the Council’s September 2017 meeting.

3. [Authorization of Deep-Set Buoy Gear and Federal Permitting – Kit Dahl](#) [[mp3: 6-13-17pm2 @0:00:02](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm2 @0:04:50](#)]

[Agenda Item H.3.a, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.3.a, HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental HMSMT PowerPoint](#): Authorization of Deep-Set Buoy Gear and Federal Permitting

[Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental NMFS Report](#): DSBG range of alternatives

[Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental EC Report](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm2 @1:00:33](#)]

[Agenda Item H.3.b, Public Comment](#)

[Agenda Item H.3.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#) (*FULL VERSION Electronic Only*)

Mike Conroy

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans and Robert Kurz, IGFA

Kelly Fukushima

Jonathan Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood

Geoff Shester, Oceana presented [Agenda Item H.3.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint 2](#) (Shester)

Robert Osborn

Jason McLeod presented [Agenda Item H.3.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint](#) (McLeod)

Tara Brock, PEW Charitable Trusts

Gary Burke, CFSB

Bill Sutton (did not testify)

- c. **Council Action: Develop a Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Authorizing a Federal West Coast Swordfish Deep-Set Buoy Gear Fishery including Federal Permitting** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3](#) @0:00:10]

**Motion 19** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3](#) @0:01:59]: Council adopt the purpose and need as described in the HMSMT report (Agenda Item H.3.a), and approve a preliminary range of alternatives for an authorized Federal west coast DSBG fishery including Federal permitting, as described in the HMSMT Report, the Supplemental HMSMT Report, the Supplemental EC Report, and the Supplemental HMSAS Reports 1 and 2, with the following modifications:

1. Under Geographic Area Considerations (p4 of the HMSMT Report), limit further analysis to Alternative 2 (All Federal waters off California and Oregon)
2. Include voluntary trade-in alternatives that would allow DGN permittees to surrender a permit in exchange for one or more DSBG permits.
3. Regarding the Sunset Date:

Request the HMSAS, EC, and HMSMT work to refine an alternative with explicit ‘gear may not be deployed before’ and ‘must be out of the water by’ language, which may be different during different times of year (e.g., summer vs winter months, or PST vs. PDT). Also include an alternative that would allow the use of a strobe light or other device to mark a fish on a single piece of gear for future retrieval after the end time.

4. Request the EC and HMSMT continue development of the Alternative to:
  - 4a. establish a seaward boundary for DSBG of 150 fathoms, as defined by waypoints currently used to define RCA boundaries, including further analysis regarding use of VMS to enforce this line.
  - 4b. develop a definition for maximum gear footprint (per permit) to mitigate potential crowding with other DSBG or other fishing sectors and to facilitate active tending.
5. Acknowledging the desire to allow commingling of fishing activities and gears on a single trip, direct the HMSMT to consult with the GMT on the topic of species retention, transiting through RCAs, and ways to avoid overfished species.
6. Regarding Permitting Alternatives – include among the alternatives the option for a gear endorsement to the existing HMS permit (e.g., a registration requirement)
7. For the Southern California Bight only, include an Alternative to limit DSBG fishing activity to weekdays only.

Marci Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine

**Amendment 1** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3](#) @0:15:59]: under section 4a change “seaward” to “shoreward”

David Crabbe/ Caren Braby: Amendment carried unanimously.

Main Motion, as amended, carried unanimously

**Staff Summary:** The Council reviewed the range of alternatives described by [the HMSMT](#); considered advice from the HMSMT, HMSAS, EC, and the public; and provided guidance to refine the alternatives for potential adoption at the September meeting. The Council endorsed the range of alternatives proposed by the [HMSMT](#) with the following refinements:

1. Limit further analysis of the area for authorizing the fishery to Federal waters off California



and Oregon.

2. Include voluntary trade-in alternatives that would allow drift gillnet (DGN) permittees to surrender a permit in exchange for one or more deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) permits.
3. Refine gear retrieval requirements so as to discourage the use of gear at night while providing reasonable accommodation for gear retrieval that extends after dusk.
4. Develop an option to restrict the fishery to depths greater than 150 fathoms.
5. Develop guidelines for engaging in other commercial fishing activities on the same trip where DSBG is deployed. Use of other gear would have to be compliant with active tending requirements for DSBG.
6. Develop a permitting alternative to include a DSBG endorsement on the current Federal HMS permit.
7. Develop an alternative that would restrict DSBG fishing in the Southern California Bight to weekdays only.

**4. [Proposed Deep- Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits](#) – **Kit Dahl** [[mp3: 6-14-17am1 @0:02:07](#)]**

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 1](#): Explanatory Letter From Mr. Roger Cullen and DSBG EFP Application Submitted in March 2017

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 2](#): Revised DSBG EFP application from A. Lorton & D. Haworth

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 3](#): DSBG EFP application from B. Ball

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 4](#): DSBG EFP application from J. Ford

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 5](#): DSBG EFP application from M. Graves

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 6](#): DSBG EFP application from R. Kennedy

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 7](#): DSBG EFP application from A. Lutoshkin

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 8](#): DSBG EFP application from L. Maassen

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 9](#): DSBG EFP application from S, Masuda

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 10](#): DSBG EFP application from M. McCarthy

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 11](#): DSBG EFP application from M. McCorkle

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 12](#): DSBG EFP application from R. Rynkevic

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 13](#): DSBG EFP application from D. Selck

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 14](#): DSBG EFP application from A. Shvets

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 15](#): DSBG EFP application from A Sidielnikov

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 16](#): DSBG EFP application from T. Sokolova

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 17](#): DSBG EFP application from P. Spinale

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 18](#): DSBG EFP application from B. & J. Stephens

[Agenda Item H.4, Attachment 19](#): DSBG EFP application from V. Sviridov

**a. [Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities](#)[[mp3: 6-14-17am1 @0:05:39](#)]**

[Agenda Item H.4.a, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item H.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT PowerPoint](#): EFP Applications

[Agenda Item H.4.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

**b. [Public Comment](#) [[mp3: 6-14-17am1 @0:16:31](#)]**

Tara Brock, PEW Charitable Trusts  
Josh Porter, F/V Fearless II  
Ben Stephens  
Justin Porter, F/V Albatross

**c. Council Action: Provide Recommendations to NMFS on Exempted Fishing Permit Applications to test Deep-Set Buoy Gear [[mp3: 6-14-17am1 @0:02:07](#)]**

**Motion 22**[\[mp3: 6-14-17am1 @0:52:46\]](#): Council adopt the recommendations to NMFS on EFP applications to test DSBG as described in the Table contained in Agenda Item H.4.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report.

Marci Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council:

- Adopted the [HMSAS](#) recommendations for issuing EFPs based on the 19 applications reviewed at this meeting.
- Endorsed the [HMSMT](#) recommendations for observer coverage levels.
- Requested NMFS to report on development of a logbook for DSBG EFPs.
- Noted that most applicants proposed fishing in the Southern California Bight and expressed concern about potential gear conflicts depending on the level of fishing effort when recommended EFPs are issued. For that reason, in the future, applications that propose fishing outside the Southern California Bight may be prioritized in the approval process.

**5. [Recommendations for International Management Activities](#) – **Kit Dahl** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3 @0:25:40](#)]**

[Agenda Item H.5, Attachment 1](#): Draft Summary of Additional PBF Projections, International PBF Stakeholders Meeting, 25-27 April 2017, Mita Kaigisho, Japan

[Agenda Item H.5, Attachment 2](#): August 17, 2016, letter from William Stelle, Jr., to Chairman Pollard notifying the Council that National Marine Fisheries Service has determined that the Western and Central North Pacific Ocean stock of striped marlin is overfished and subject to overfishing

[Agenda Item H.5, Attachment 3](#): WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure 2010-01 for Striped Marlin

[Agenda Item H.5, Attachment 4](#): April 28, 2017, letter from Michael Tosatto, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator to Edwin Ebisui, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council Chair, notifying councils that NMFS will begin monitoring and reporting stock status of bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) separately for the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) stock and the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) stock

**a. Report of National Marine Fisheries Service – Heidi Taylor** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3 @0:38:03](#)]

[Agenda Item H.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.5.a, Supplemental \*\*REVISED\*\* NMFS Report 2](#)

**b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3 @0:42:55](#)]

[Agenda Item H.5.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#)

[Agenda Item H.5.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

c. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3](#) @0:51:53]

Robert Osborn

d. **Council Action: Consider Reports on International Activities and Provide Recommendation, As Appropriate** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3](#) @0:52:43]

**Motion 20** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3](#) @0:54:56]: Council to instruct staff to prepare a letter in response to NMFS regarding the overfished condition of striped marlin to include the language proposed in Agenda Item H.5.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report; page 2 under “Recommendation.”  
Rich Lincoln/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 21** [[mp3: 6-13-17pm3](#) @0:58:07]: Council adopt the HMSMT recommendation with regard to observer safety (Agenda Item H.5.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report, June 2017).  
Marc Gorelnik/David Crabbe (Motion carried unanimously)

**Staff Summary:** The Council made recommendations in response to the August 17, 2016, notification from NMFS that the Western and Central North Pacific Ocean stock of striped marlin is overfished and subject to overfishing. The Council determined that there is no need for additional domestic regulations pursuant to its HMS FMP, because vessels managed under the FMP do not catch fish from this stock. The Council noted that the objectives in Conservation and Management Measure 2010-01, adopted by the Western and Central Fisheries Commission, are being met.

The Council supported the draft U.S. proposal to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) for a second rebuilding target for Pacific bluefin tuna (20%SSB<sub>current, F=0</sub>) to be achieved by 2030 with at least 60 percent probability. This target is a reasonable approximation of maximum sustainable yield, and therefore consistent with the harvest specifications framework in the FMP and with past Council recommendations.

The Council also recommends the U.S. delegation to the July 24-28 IATTC meeting advocate for the U.S. proposal on observer safety.

## I. Enforcement Issues

1. [National Marine Fisheries Service \(NMFS\) Office of Law Enforcement \(OLE\) Strategic Review – Jim Seger](#) [[mp3: 6-14-17am1](#) @1:15:12]

[Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 1](#): NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement Priority Setting Standards 2017 and Beyond

[Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 2](#): NOAA’s Office of Law Enforcement National and Division Enforcement Priorities for 2012-2017

[Agenda Item I.1, Attachment 3](#): Letter from Dr. Donald McIsaac to Mr. William Giles and Ms. Martina Sagapolu, November 20, 2013

[Agenda Item I.1, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Draft National Priorities: 2018-2022

a. **NMFS OLE Report** [[mp3: 6-14-17am1](#) @1:15:17]

b. **Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities** [[mp3: 6-14-17am1](#) @1:37:32]

[Agenda Item I.1.a, REVISED Supplemental HC Report](#)  
[Agenda Item I.1.b, Supplemental EC Report](#)  
[Agenda Item I.1.b, Supplemental GAP Report](#)  
[Agenda Item I.1.b, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#)

c. **Public Comment**

None

d. **Council Action: Provide Recommendations on NMFS OLE Enforcement Priorities** [[mp3: 6-14-17am1 @1:48:40](#)]

**Motion:** None

**Staff Summary:** The Council reviewed a draft of the OLE West Coast Division Enforcement Priorities (2018 – 2022) and expressed its appreciation for the cooperative manner in which the priorities were developed and the cooperative relationship between OLE, state enforcement, and the United States Coast Guard. Appreciation was also expressed for the Joint Enforcement Agreement and the important role that it plays in West Coast enforcement. The Council agreed with the OLE lists of priorities for the [West Coast](#).

## INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

**[Informational Report 1:](#)** Letter from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to Sam Rauch, dated April 25, 2017 re: North Pacific Fisheries Convention; Commissioner Appointment

**[Informational Report 2:](#)** Executive Order, from The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, April 26, 2017: Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act

**[Informational Report 3:](#)** Improving Net Gains; Data-Driven Innovation for America's Fishing Future

**[Supplemental Informational Report 4:](#)** National Marine Fisheries Service Office of Law Enforcement West Coast Enforcement Division Report to Pacific Fishery Management Council, June 2017

**[Supplemental Informational Report 5:](#)** Report on the 2017 West Coast Regional Recreational Fisheries Roundtables

## VOTING LOG

**Motion 1:** Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, June 7-14, 2017 Council Meeting Agenda](#) with a minor change in Agenda order for F.8 by allowing the EFP proponents to discuss prior to the management team and advisory body statements.

David Crabbe/Mark Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 2:** Council:

1. Approve the Pacific mackerel biomass projection estimate for US management in 2017-18 and 2018-19 ([Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1, June 2017](#)).

2. Adopt the ‘Harvest and Management Specifications’ section and tables 1 and 2 described in [Agenda Item D.1.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report, June 2017](#).

Briana Brady/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 3:** Council approve the aerial survey methodology for use in future Coastal Pelagic Species stock assessments, consistent with the Methodology Review Panel report ([Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1](#)).

Briana Brady/David Crabbe (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 4:** Council approved the draft Klamath letter ([Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 2](#)).

Marci Yaremko/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Motion 5:** Council adopt the stock assessments and Cowcod report as endorsed by the SSC ([Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report, June 2017](#)).

Corey Niles/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Motion 6:** Council adopt the preliminary 2018 Year-Round Midwater Rockfish EFP as proposed in [Agenda Item F.8.b, Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint, June 2017](#), with the following additions and recommendations:

- Work with NMFS OLE to modify the declaration process in order to accommodate the use of multiple trawl gears on one trip, and to document gear type use at the individual haul level
- Enable the EFP to test whether observers or EM can confirm the type of gear being used, as recommended by the EC in [Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental EC Report, June 2017](#)
- Require EFP participants to provide information on specific gear configurations by haul to NMFS, as recommended by the GMT in [Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report, June 2017](#)
- Specify an area-based sub-cap of 80 chinook for the area South of 42° N., out of the 800 allowed in the entire EFP area prior to May 15

Additionally, request NMFS to review the options for decision-making on the operation of this EFP south of 42° N. and report to the Council in September, including consideration of delaying approval of the EFP south of 42 until 2018 pre-season Chinook forecasts are available, and/or approving only limited elements of the EFP for the area south of 42° N.

Maggie Sommer/Marci Yaremko (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Motion 7:** Council adopt the recommendations of the Budget Committee ([Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental Budget Committee Report, June 2017](#))

Dorothy Lowman/Phil Anderson (Motion carried, Mr. Wulff abstained)

**Motion 8:** Council approve the March 2017 and April 2017 Council meeting records as shown in [Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1, June 2017](#) and [Attachment 2, June 2017](#) respectively.

David Crabbe/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 9:** Council adopt the final coordinates for the 125 fathom RCA line in CA as described in [Agenda Item F.9.a, CDFW Report, June 2017](#).

Joanna Grebel/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 10:** Council adopt the proposed HMS FMP Amendment 4 language as contained in [Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1](#) for public review.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 11:** Council adopt for public review the recommendation for Agenda Item H.2, as described in [HMSMT Report H.2.a, June 2017](#), to modify chapter 5 to address the biennial schedule.

Caren Braby/David Crabbe (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 12:** Council to put out for public review, the wording from [Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#), page 1, sections 1.1, modify as follows: 1) delete the last sentence that states “The logic here is to not disadvantage the US fleets in relation to fleets from other countries.” and section 4.5.1 modify by inserting from section 4.5.1 from Attachment 1, the last two sentences from the first paragraph, June 2017.

Buzz Brizendine/David Crabbe with Michele Culver/Marci Yaremko amendment.

Main Motion, as amended, carried unanimously

**Motion 13:** Council complete the intersector allocation review with the change recommended by the GMT ([Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental GMT Report, June 2017](#)) and approve [Appendix E](#) with the changes recommended by the GMT except for the section E.2.1.6 the proposed change to the second sentence.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 14:** Council approve the [draft report](#) for public review with the following changes:

- Include the Trawl Catch Shares 5-Year Review Community Advisory Board’s recommendations #1d (other constraining species), #2 (comparison indicators of profit), and #4 (should be corrected to #5) (ports list) in [Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental CAB Report, June 2017](#), pages 1-2;
- Incorporate the recommendations in [Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental SSC Report, June 2017](#); and
- Review the Executive Summary and consider revising or adding language to clearly convey that many of the program’s economic benefit objectives have not been achieved.

Maggie Sommer/Jeff Feldner (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 15:** Council announce that any acquisition of CP permits and/or use of CP sector whiting allocation after June 13, 2017 may not be included in any grandfather clause adopted by the Council when establishing ownership and/or use limits for CP permits. Request that NMFS make this announcement in the *Federal Register*. And add the following alternatives for analysis:

- No individual or entity may own or control more than four CP permits.
- No individual or entity owning a CP permit(s) may process more than 45 percent of the total CP sector whiting allocation.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 16:** Council to prioritize as:

**Follow-on action high-priority items:** Expedite completion of actions already “in the pipeline” (i.e., RCA/EFH, trawl gear regulation changes, and EFPs).

Recommend that the CAB consider the following issues, and provide preliminary alternatives, if possible, for Council consideration in September, 2017:

- Elimination of the sablefish management line at 36° N. for the trawl sector
- Long-term solutions to address at-sea whiting bycatch needs, including but not limited to consideration of a permanent change from allocations/hard caps to set-asides; not including permanent QP trading at this time
- Changing accumulation limits
- Alternative management tools/approaches for choke species
- Gear switching: consider results of further analysis (see below)

**Further analysis to support scoping of high-priority follow-on actions:** Request that the catch share review analysis team conduct additional analyses necessary to:

- Understand the impacts of accumulation limits, and support evaluation of changing and/or eliminating them
- Understand the nature and extent of gear-switching and sablefish access issues:
  - CAB recommendations 1.a, e, and f in [Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental CAB Report, June 2017](#), page 1
  - Factors influencing sablefish quota lease prices
  - Impact of sablefish lease price and availability on economic stability of harvesters and processors
  - Understand the implications of a continuing increase in the ratio of leasing to owner-on-board use of QS/QP
  - Council include for analysis setting a percentage of QS/QP for sablefish that would be designated as trawl only. This could be considered in the context of the AMP or as a stand-alone item.

**Additional follow-on actions (for subsequent consideration):**

- Recommend the CAB further explore and develop alternatives for permanent resolution of AMP.
- Request that NMFS explore options for reducing observer and catch monitor costs and report back to the Council.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion, as amended (Culver/Lincoln), carried unanimously)

**Motion 17:** Council to adopt as inseason action:

- North of 40° 10' N. latitude, increase the lingcod trip limits for the limited entry and open access fixed gear sectors to the values in Table 1, Option 2 in [Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 2](#), June 2017.
- South of 40° 10' N. latitude, increase the lingcod trip limits for limited entry and open access fixed gear sectors to the values in Table 3, Option 2 in [Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 2](#), June 2017, and modify the shoreward non-trawl RCA boundary between 40° 10' N. lat. and 34° 27' N. lat. from 30 fathoms to 40 fathoms.

Maggie Sommer/Joanna Grebel (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 18:** Council approve the release of the POP buffer (25 mt) and the Darkblotched buffer (50 mt) to the MS and CP sectors dividing the buffer amounts equally between the two sectors.

Phil Anderson/David Sones (Motion carried, Mr. Lockhart abstained)

**Motion 19:** Council adopt the purpose and need as described in the HMSMT report ([Agenda Item H.3.a](#)), and approve a preliminary range of alternatives for an authorized Federal west coast DSBG fishery including Federal permitting, as described in the HMSMT Report, the [Supplemental HMSMT Report](#), the [Supplemental EC Report](#), and the [Supplemental HMSAS Report 1 and Supplemental HMSAS Report 2](#), with the following modifications:

1. Under Geographic Area Considerations (p4 of the HMSMT Report), limit further analysis to Alternative 2 (all Federal waters off California and Oregon).
2. Include voluntary trade-in alternatives that would allow DGN permittees to surrender a permit in exchange for one or more DSBG permits.
3. Regarding the Sunset Date:

Request the HMSAS, EC, and HMSMT work to refine an alternative with explicit ‘gear may not be deployed before’ and ‘must be out of the water by’ language, which may be different during different times of year (e.g., summer vs winter months, or PST vs. PDT). Also include an alternative that would allow the use of a strobe light or other device to mark a fish on a single piece of gear for future retrieval after the end time.

4. Request the EC and HMSMT continue development of the Alternative to:
  - 4a. establish a shoreward boundary for DSBG of 150 fathoms, as defined by waypoints currently used to define RCA boundaries, including further analysis regarding use of VMS to enforce this line.
  - 4b. develop a definition for maximum gear footprint (per permit) to mitigate potential crowding with other DSBG or other fishing sectors and to facilitate active tending.
5. Acknowledging the desire to allow commingling of fishing activities and gears on a single trip, direct the HMSMT to consult with the GMT on the topic of species retention, transiting through RCAs, and ways to avoid overfished species.
6. Regarding Permitting Alternatives – include among the alternatives the option for a gear endorsement to the existing HMS permit (e.g., a registration requirement).
7. For the Southern California Bight only, include an Alternative to limit DSBG fishing activity to weekdays only.

Marci Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine (Motion, with Crabbe/Braby amendment, carried unanimously)

**Motion 20:** Council to instruct staff to prepare a letter in response to NMFS regarding the overfished condition of striped marlin to include the language proposed in [Agenda Item H.5.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#); page 2 under “Recommendation.”

Rich Lincoln/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 21:** Council adopt the HMSMT recommendation with regard to observer safety ([Agenda Item H.5.b, Supplemental HMSMT Report](#), June 2017).

Marc Gorelnik/David Crabbe (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 22:** Council adopt the recommendations to NMFS on EFP applications to test DSBG as described in the Table contained in [Agenda Item H.4.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report](#).

Marci Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)



**Motion 23:** Council appoint Ms. Corey Ridings to the vacant California seat on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel.

David Crabbe/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 24:** Council appoint Dr. Andrew Shelton to the vacant National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center seat on the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

Dorothy Lowman/Caren Braby (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 25:** Council approve the changes to COP 4 as shown in [Agenda Item C.7, Supplemental Attachment 1](#).

Marc Gorelnik/Phil Anderson (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 26:** Council elect Mr. Phil Anderson as the Council Chair for the August 11, 2017 through August 10, 2018 term.

Rich Lincoln/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

**Motion 27:** Council elect Mr. David Crabbe as the Council Vice Chair for the August 11, 2017 through August 10, 2018 term.

Marc Gorelnik/Corey Niles (Motion carried unanimously)

#### **ADJOURN**

The Council meeting adjourned on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 2:35 p.m.



September 18, 2017

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Philip Anderson  
Council Chair

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Date