



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2017

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore

SUBJECT: June 2017 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet June 7-14, 2017, at the Doubletree by Hilton Spokane City Center, 322 North Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, WA. The Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC's) Groundfish Subcommittee will meet Wednesday, June 7 starting at 8 a.m. and the full SSC will meet on Thursday, June 8 and Friday, June 9 starting at 8 a.m. each day in the Salon III 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.

The SSC will review the credentials for Dr. Andrew (Ole) Shelton, a nominee for the National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center seat on the SSC vacated by Dr. Pete Lawson.

#### Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Management

The SSC will review a catch-only projection update of Pacific mackerel as well as the recommendations of the SSC's CPS Subcommittee and consider endorsing the update as best available science. The SSC will also consider the results of the projection update and recommend overfishing limits for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fishing seasons.

The SSC will review the recommendations of a methodology review panel that met on April 17 and 18 to review a proposed aerial survey for Pacific sardine and northern anchovy in Southern California. The SSC will make their own recommendations to the Council relative to the use of the proposed survey for estimating abundance of these species.

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### Groundfish Management

The SSC will review the Trawl Catch Shares Review Draft Report and the recommendations of the SSC Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees from their May 24-25 review meeting and consider recommending the analyses in the review draft as best available science.

The SSC will review Agenda Item F.3.a, GMT Report 1 (this is a duplicate of [Agenda Item I.2.a, GMT Report 1, March 2017](#)) and recommend whether the current discard mortality rates for sablefish and lingcod are based on best available science.

The SSC will review draft update stock assessments for arrowtooth flounder, bocaccio, blackgill rockfish, and darkblotched rockfish, as well as a cowcod catch report and the recommendations of the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee (from their June 7 review of these assessments) before considering endorsing these assessments as best available science.

The SSC will review the proposed process and schedule for 2019-2020 harvest specifications. The SSC will articulate their plans for changing any existing default sigma values used in determining acceptable biological catches, requests for additional analyses informing overfishing limits, and any updates to any further methodology reviews proposed by the Groundfish Management Team. Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

JDD:rdd

Enclosures include:

### Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item C.6 – National Marine Fisheries (NMFS) White Paper on Best Scientific Information Available
3. Agenda Item C.7 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
4. Agenda Item C.8 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

5. Agenda Item D.1 – Final Pacific Mackerel Stock Assessment and Management Measures
6. Agenda Item D.2 – Final Approval of Aerial Survey Methodology Review

### Groundfish Management

7. Agenda Item F.2 – Trawl Catch Shares Review Draft Report and Intersector Allocation Report
8. Agenda Item F.3 – Scoping of Trawl Catch Shares Discard Survival Credits for Sablefish and Lingcod
9. Agenda Item F.4 – Final Stock Assessments and Catch Reports
10. Agenda Item F.7 – Specifications and Management Measures Process for 2019-2020 Fisheries

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

11. June 2017 SSC Groundfish Subcommittee Agenda
12. June 2017 SSC Agenda
13. Draft April 2017 SSC Minutes
14. Administrative Closed Session
15. Report of the Review of the Pacific Mackerel Catch-Only Projection by the Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee via Webinar, May 1, 2017
16. Informational Reports
17. Hotel-Related Information
18. Roster

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