

# Pacific Fishery Management Council

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: September 23, 2017

TO: Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory

Subpanel, and Interested Persons

FROM: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September 2017 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet September 11-18, 2017, at the Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, ID, 83714. The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) are not convening at this Council meeting, but are developing supplemental reports on topics described below.

#### **Council Agenda Topics**

#### **Acoustic-Trawl Survey Terms of Reference (Agenda Item C.1)**

In April 2017, the Council approved a methodology review for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Southwest Fisheries Science Center acoustic-trawl survey methodology (ATM), scheduled for January 30 – February 2, 2018. A draft terms of reference (ToR) has been developed, and will be considered for approval by the Council. CPS groups should review the draft ToR, provide comments, and should also prioritize items to be included in the review.

#### Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Initiatives Scoping and Selection (Agenda Item I.2)

In March 2017, the Council identified two FEP initiatives for further development and asked the Ecosystem Workgroup to scope the initiatives with regard to identifying specific objectives, inventory available information, and a timeline for completing the initiatives. One initiative is focused on socio-economics and human recruitment in fishing communities, and the other is focused on the effects of climate change on fisheries and fishing communities. The Council is scheduled to select one initiative for further development and implementation.

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

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## Enclosures:

- 1. Agenda Item A.5 Council Meeting Agenda
- 2. Agenda Item C.1 Acoustic Trawl Survey Methodology Review Terms of Reference
- 3. Agenda Item I.2 Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives: Scoping and Selection
- 4. Agenda Item H.5 Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
- 5. SSC Agenda
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