



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 22, 2017

TO: Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup, and Interested Persons

FROM: Kit Dahl, Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meets September 11-18, 2017, at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) will meet September 12-14 in the Liberty Room and the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) will meet September 13-14 in the Delamar Room. Both committees will be meeting with the Scientific and Statistical Committee's Ecosystem Subcommittee (SSCES) on September 14. The meetings begin at 8 a.m. each day. Two ecosystem topics are on the Council's agenda. I have also included the briefing materials for Agenda Item H.5- Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning. Summaries of these topics follow.

Agenda Item I.1 Climate Vulnerability Assessment Report

Dr. Michelle McClure of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Fisheries Science Center will report on the west coast climate vulnerability assessment. These rapid climate vulnerability assessments combine expert opinion and climate model outputs to quantify sensitivity and exposure of key managed fish species using NMFS' Climate Vulnerability Assessment Methodology. Science Center staffs have completed two climate vulnerability assessments for the west coast covering fishery management plan species, Endangered Species Act- (ESA) listed species, and ESA-listed salmonid evolutionarily significant units.

Agenda Item I.2 Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives: Scoping and Selection

Under this agenda item, the Council will select the ecosystem initiative it wants to move forward with over the next few years. In March 2017, the Council identified two candidate initiatives: a combined initiative on the socio-economic effects of fisheries management practices on fishing communities and on human recruitment to the fisheries, and an initiative on the effects of near-term climate shift and long-term climate change on our fish, fisheries, and fishing communities.

In response to Council guidance, the EWG prepared a report identifying objectives, available information, and a timeline for completion for these candidate initiatives.

SSCES Meeting

On September 14, the SSCES will be reviewing methods for preparing ecosystem indicators that will be included in future State of the California Current Ecosystem reports. This meeting is also an opportunity for the EAS and EWG to discuss with the SSCES the process for the development and review of indicators and science needs for the next initiative selected by the Council.

To help you keep abreast of topics at future Council meetings, I am also including the materials for Agenda Item H.5, Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning. You may wish to provide comments on what topics are proposed and at what meetings.

Paper copies of referenced briefing materials are enclosed. In addition, you may also obtain electronic copies of all the meeting materials on our website at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/briefing-books/>. We also post supplemental briefing materials on our website, as they become available after distribution of the advanced briefing book.

As always, thank you for your service to the Council process.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.5 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item I.1 – Climate Vulnerability Assessment Report
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. EAS and EWG Agendas
6. SSCES Agenda
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9. Council Roster
10. Memorandum from Executive Director Chuck Tracy

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