



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 25, 2017

TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup, Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup and Interested Persons

FROM: Robin Ehlke, Salmon Staff Officer

SUBJECT: September 2017 Council Meeting

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet September 13-18, 2017, at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. Both the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) and the Ad Hoc Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup (SRWCW) will meet September 12-13. The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will not be meeting at the September Council meeting, but will meet via webinar on August 24, 2017.

Salmon items on the Council's September meeting agenda include the final topic selection for the 2017 salmon methodology review (Agenda Item F.1) and the preliminary recommendations on a control rule for Sacramento River Winter Chinook (Agenda Item F.2). Both salmon items are on the Council agenda for Wednesday, September 13.

The Council recommended one topic for methodology review in 2017 at the April Council meeting; however, other topics may be added prior to the final adoption of topics for review at the upcoming September meeting (Agenda Item F.1). Currently, the topic listed for methodology review is the documentation on the development of the new Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM), along with a review and update of the [FRAM documentation](#) and [User Manual](#) found currently on the Council's website.

The SRWCW will provide an updated report to the Council on the evaluation of the suite of alternative harvest control rules (Agenda Item F.2). The report will provide preliminary results from the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) work completed since the last report in April 2017.

For Pacific Halibut Management topics (Agenda Item G.1), the Council is scheduled to adopt for consideration some proposed changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for 2018 and beyond, and proposed changes to annual fishery regulations for 2018. The Council will consider

the proposals at the upcoming September meeting and is scheduled to take final action at the November Council meeting. Pacific Halibut is on the Council agenda Wednesday, September 13.

Groundfish topics include the Coastwide Non-whiting Midwater Trawl Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Final Action and Gear Modification EFP Review (Agenda Item E.4, Thursday, September 14). On Sunday, September 17, the Council will adopt Initial Harvest Specifications and Management Measure Actions for 2019-2020 Management under Agenda Item E.9. Both of these topics have potential salmon bycatch/impact implications and may be of interest to the salmon groups.

Additional topics include, but are not limited to, habitat issues (Agenda Item D.1) which will include topics on Oroville Dam and an EPA proposed permit. There is also a legislative matter (Agenda Item H.1.) regarding a new bill that has been introduced to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (HR 2023). Ecosystem topics of interest include a Climate Vulnerability Assessment Report (Agenda Item I.2.). The Council will also take up the usual administrative matters including future workload and agenda planning.

Electronic copies of all the meeting materials are posted on our website at <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/briefing-books/>. We will also post supplemental briefing materials on our website as they become available after distribution of the advanced briefing book.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A – Executive Director’s Report and Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item D.1– Habitat Issues
3. Agenda Items E.4 and E.9 – Groundfish Management
4. Agenda Items F.1 and F.2 – Salmon Management
5. Agenda Item G.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
6. Agenda Items H.1, H.4, and H.5 – Administrative Matters
7. Agenda Item I.2 - Ecosystem
8. Habitat Committee Agenda
9. Legislative Committee Agenda
10. SAS Agenda
11. Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup Agenda
12. Hotel-related Information
13. Council Roster
14. Memorandum from Executive Director Chuck Tracy

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