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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/>.
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4. **Council Decisions 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: 11-15-17am1](#) 0:00:08]

1. Opening Remarks – Phil Anderson, Chair

Mr. Phil Anderson, Council Chair, called the 242nd meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 15, 2017. A closed session was held before this open session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

2. Roll Call – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 11-15-17am1](#) 0:03:36]

Council Members present during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Barry Thom Mr. Ryan Wulff, designee Dr. Peter Dygert, designee Mr. Frank Lockhart, designee Ms. Heidi Taylor, designee
Washington State Official:	Mr. Kyle Adicks, designee 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 Mr. John Ugoretz, designee Mr. Brett Kormos, 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. Joseph Oatman
At-Large:	Mr. Phil Anderson, Vice-Chair Mr. William L. “Buzz” Brizendine Mr. Brad Pettinger Mr. Marc Gorelnik
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission:	Dr. David Hanson, Parliamentarian, nonvoting designee
U.S. Coast Guard:	LCDR Gregg Casad, nonvoting designee CDR Jason Brand, 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: 11-15-17am1 0:04:52](#)]

[Agenda Item A.3, Attachment 1](#): Council Coordination Committee Conference Call Agenda
[Agenda Item A.3, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Guidance for Developing EBFM Road Map Implementation Plans September 15, 2017

[Agenda Item A.3, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Council Coordination Committee Summary Report

[Agenda Item A.3, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): U.S. Regional Fishery Management Council's Two-Page Educational Flyer

[Agenda Item A.3, Supplemental Attachment 5](#): Regulatory Reform Comments/Spreadsheet

At this time Mr. Tracy introduced Mr. Barry Thom, and he presented the West Coast Region acting regional administrators and provided comments on regional efforts.

4. **Agenda – Phil Anderson** [[mp3: 11-15-17am1 0:46:10](#)]

a. **Council Action: Approve Agenda**

Motion 1 [[mp3: 11-15-17am1 0:46:43](#)]: Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, November 14-20, 2017](#) Council Meeting Agenda with the changes of cancelling Agenda Item C.3 Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection and changing the scheduling of I.1 Tri-State Enforcement Report to this afternoon.

Herb Pollard/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

B. Open Comment Period

1. [Comments on Non-Agenda Items](#) - Mike Burner [[mp3: 11-15-17am1 0:47:14](#)]

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

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 11-15-17am1 0:47:23](#)]

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Public Comment 1](#): Letter from Mr. John McManus Regarding Oroville Dam Relicensing

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#): West Coast Businesses depend on Anchovy and other Marine Wildlife petition

David Anderson, Capt. Dave's Dolphin and Whale Safari

Susan Sheakley, Sea & Sage Audubon presented [Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#): California Least Tern

c. **Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate**

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

C. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. **National Marine Fisheries Service Report – Kerry Griffin** [[mp3: 11-15-17am1 0:58:11](#)]

a. **Regulatory Activities – Frank Lockhart** [[mp3: 11-15-17am1 0:58:23](#)]

- b. **Fisheries Science Center Activities – Gerard DiNardo** [[mp3: 11-15-17am1 0:58:48](#)]

[Agenda Item C.1.b, Supplemental SWFSC Presentation 1](#): NMFS Report SWFSC Activities, Coastal Pelagic Species (*DiNardo*)

- c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- d. **Public Comment**

None

- e. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 11-15-17am1 1:10:26](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

- 2. **2018 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) Notice of Intent – Kerry Griffin** [[mp3: 11-15-17am2 0:01:17](#)]

[Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1](#): California Wetfish Producers Association EFP Proposal

[Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 2](#): West Coast Pelagic Conservation Group EFP Proposal (*Full proposal electronic only*)

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-15-17am2 0:03:36](#)]

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

[Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 11-15-17am2 0:23:58](#)]

[Agenda Item C.2.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Diane Pleschner-Steele presented [Agenda Item C.2.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#) (*Pleschner-Steele*)

Mike Okoniewski, Pacific Seafood

- c. **Council Action: Adopt Preliminary EFPs for Public Review** [[mp3: 11-15-17am2 0:54:03](#)]

Motion 2 [[mp3: 11-15-17am2 0:56:42](#)]: Council adopt the preliminary Exempted Fishing Permit proposals (Agenda Item C.2, Attachments 1 and 2) for public review, and that proponents revise the proposals according to feedback from the SSC (Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report) and CPSMT (Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1) statements. Briana Brady/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted two EFP proposals for public review. The Southern California [Aerial Survey](#) and the Northwest [Nearshore Surveillance](#) EFPs are independent, but are designed to complement ongoing National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and California Department of Fish and Wildlife surveys. The proponents will modify the proposals, based on recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team, with final Council action scheduled tentatively for April 2018.

3. [Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection](#) – Kerry Griffin – Agenda Item Cancelled.

D. Salmon Management

1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:01:52](#)]

[Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1](#): October 11, 2017 Letter from Barry Thom, NMFS Regional Administrator, to Phil Anderson, Council Chair, regarding determinations on status changes of Pacific salmon managed under the Council's Salmon Fishery Management Plan

- a. **Regulatory Activities – Peter Dygert**
- b. **Fisheries Science Center Activities – NWFSC/SWFSC**
- c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- d. **Public Comment**

None

- e. **Council Discussion**

Staff Summary: None

2. [Methodology Review - Final Approval](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:5:44](#)]

[Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1](#): 2017 Technical Revision to the Marine Survival Forecast of the Oregon Coastal Natural Coho (OCN) Work Group Harvest Matrix

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:08:28](#)]

[Agenda Item D.2.a, STT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item D.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment**

None

- c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Methodology Changes for 2018 and Beyond** [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:13:30](#)]

Motion 3 [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:14:14](#)]: Council adopt the reduced index method for Oregon OCN in 2018 and beyond (Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1)

Caren Braby/Brad Pettinger (motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted a technical revision to the Marine Survival Index of the Oregon Coastal Natural coho harvest matrix, which reduced the number of life-cycle monitoring sites used to forecast marine survival from six to five due to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife budget reductions.

3. [Sacramento River Winter Chinook Control Rule, Final Recommendations](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:16:47](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:22:17](#)]

[Agenda Item D.3.a, SRWCW Report 1](#): Further Evaluation of Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon Control Rules: Addendum to Ad Hoc SRWC Workgroup (2017)

[Agenda Item D.3.a, Supplemental SRWCW Presentation 1](#): Ad hoc SRWCW working group report (*O'Farrell*)

[Agenda Item D.3.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment**

None

c. **Council Action: Final Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service on Control Rules for SRWC Endangered Species Act Consultation** [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:48:57](#)]

Motion 4 [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:50:07](#)]: Council recommend to NMFS Control Rule 10 as presented in Agenda Item D.3.a, SRWCW Report 1: Further Evaluation of Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon Control Rules: Addendum to Ad Hoc SRWC Workgroup (2017), for their review of the consultation standards under the ESA.

Brett Kormos/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried, Dr. Peter Dygert abstained)

Staff Summary: The Council recommended National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) consider use of a new harvest control rule for Sacramento River winter Chinook as an Endangered Species Act consultation standard. The control rule restricts harvest rates south of Point Arena, California, and allowable rates decrease as forecast abundance decreases. The recommended control rule uses forecast abundance rather than past-year average to make it more responsive to current circumstances, and the allowable impact rate does not go to zero until abundance falls to zero. It is anticipated that the new consultation standard will be in place for 2018 ocean salmon fisheries. The Council recommended the new control rule be reviewed five years after implementation.

4. [2018 Preseason Management Schedule](#) – Robin Ehlke [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 0:58:09](#)]

[Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1](#): Pacific Fishery Management Council Proposed Schedule and Process for Developing 2018 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 1:00:59](#)]

[Agenda Item D.4.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment**

[Agenda Item D.4.b, Public Comment 1](#)

c. **Council Action: Adopt 2018 Preseason Management Schedule** [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1 1:05:48](#)]

Motion 5 [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1](#) 1:27:23]: Council adopt the proposed schedule and process for developing 2018 ocean salmon fishery management measures as shown in Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1, November 2017.

Phil Anderson/Caren Braby

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 11-15-17pm1](#) 1:30:27]: Specify the location for the California hearing as being Salinas, California

Brett Kormos/Marc Gorelnik (Amendment carried unanimously)

Motion 5, as amended, carried unanimously

Staff Summary: The Council adopted the tentative [2018 salmon management schedule](#) including the tentative dates and sites for the public meetings. One exception was the California meeting site would likely not be in Fort Bragg, and would be moved to a more southern location, preferably along Highway 101 and potentially in the city of Salinas, California.

E. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Final Annual Regulations and 2A Catch Sharing Plan Changes – Robin Ehlke

[[mp3: 11-16-17am1](#) 0:03:32]

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

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

[Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 3](#): Non-Indian Directed Pacific Halibut Fishery Management-Scoping Exercise

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 11-16-17am1](#) 0:10:28]

[Agenda Item E.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Report on the 2017 Pacific Halibut Fisheries in Area 2A

[Agenda Item E.1.a, WDFW Report 1](#): Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Proposed Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and 2018 Annual Regulations

[Agenda Item E.1.a, ODFW Report 1](#): Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the 2018 Fishery

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#): California Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Recreational Pacific Halibut Catch Estimates

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 11-16-17am1](#) 0:48:37]

[Agenda Item E.1.b, Public Comment 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

Dave Croonquist presented - [Agenda Item E.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment 3](#)

Robert Alverson, FVOA

Paul Clampitt, F/V Augustine

Butch Smith, ICA

Gary and Peter Olsen, FV St. John II

c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Changes for the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishing Regulations and Provide Guidance on Further Considerations to Address Derby Fisheries** [[mp3: 11-16-17am1](#) 1:05:42]

Motion 6 [[mp3: 11-16-17am1](#) 1:06:13]: Council maintain status quo management of the Oregon Central Coast Subarea as one unit in the 2018 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 7 [[mp3: 11-16-17am1](#) 1:08:32]: Council adopt the recommendations for the 2018 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan as shown in Agenda Item E.1.a, WDFW Report 1, November 2017. Michele Culver/Phil Anderson (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted final changes to the 2018 Catch Sharing Plan and annual fishing regulations, consistent with the [recommendations provided by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) as follows:

1. Retain the current statewide season structure (i.e. manage the North Coast, South Coast and Puget Sound subareas under a common season) with status quo management where each subarea has its own quota and is managed to remain within that individual quota.
 - Each subarea will be open on the season dates listed below unless the individual quota for that subarea has been reached. Season dates for these three subareas include:
 - Open four days in May (Friday May 11, Sunday May 13, Friday May 25, Sunday May 27).
 - Open seven days in June (Thursday June 7, Saturday June 9, Saturday June 16, Thursday June 21, Saturday June 23, Thursday June 28, Saturday June 30).
2. Revise the catch sharing calculations for incidental halibut retention in the sablefish fishery north of Pt. Chehalis so that when the Area 2A total allowable catch is less than 1.5 million pounds, the status quo formula would apply up to a maximum allocation of 50,000 lbs. When the Area 2A total allowable catch allocation is 1.5 million pounds or more, the maximum allocation would increase to 70,000 lbs.
3. The annual bag limit will be four (4) fish per angler.
4. For the Columbia River subarea - the days open for the all-depth fishery will be Thursday, Friday, and Sunday (3 days).

No changes were adopted for the Oregon Central Coast Subarea, consistent with the recommendations of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

F. Groundfish Management

1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Brett Wiedoff [[mp3: 11-16-17am2](#) 0:02:02]

- a. **Regulatory Activities** – Frank Lockhart [[mp3: 11-16-17am2](#) 0:02:28]

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

[Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 2](#): Rulemaking Plan for 2017, Groundfish

[Agenda Item F.1.a, NMFS Report 3](#): Progress Report on Project to Clarify Confidentiality of Certain State and PacFIN Data

[Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 4](#): *Federal Register* notice dated October 30, 2107: Proposed rule; request for comments: proposed rule for Pacific Coast Groundfish FMP Amendment 21-3; interim measures to change the management of the Pacific whiting at-sea sectors' (i.e., the Mothership and Catcher/Processor sectors) allocations for darkblotched rockfish and Pacific ocean perch

- b. **Fisheries Science Center Activities –Michelle McClure** [[mp3: 11-16-17am2 0:26:09](#)]

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

- c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-16-17am2 0:36:03](#)]

[Agenda Item F.1.c, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

- d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 11-16-17am2 0:38:13](#)]

[Agenda Item F.1.d, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#) (*Oregon Congressional Letter*)

Jonathan Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood and John Pennisi presented [Agenda Item F.1.d, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#) (*Gonzalez video link*)

- e. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 11-16-17am2 0:43:08](#) and [mp3: 11-16-17am3 0:00:30](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

2. **Trawl Catch Share Review – Final Report Adoption and Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Follow-on Actions – Jim Seger** [[mp3: 11-16-17am3 0:11:58](#)]

[Agenda Item F.2, Supplemental Staff Presentation 1](#): Agenda Item Overview (Seger)

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

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 2](#): West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-year Review, Executive Summary

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 3](#): West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-year Review (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 4](#): West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-year Review –Sections 4.0, 5.0., September 2017

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 5](#): Proposed Replacement for Section 4.0 of the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-year Review

[Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 6](#): Follow-on Actions—Issues, Alternatives, and Analysis

[Agenda Item F.2, Supplemental Attachment 7](#): Development of Sablefish Area Management and Gear Switching Alternatives

[Agenda Item F.2, Supplemental Attachment 8](#): Summary of Sablefish Area Management and Gear Switching Alternatives

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-16-17am3 0:44:15](#)] and [[mp3: 11-16-17pm1 0:00:16](#)]

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Catch Shares 5-Year Review – Preliminary ROA for Follow-On Actions

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CAB Report 1](#): CAB Report on Trawl Catch Share Review – Final Report Adoption and Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Follow-On Actions

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 11-16-17pm1 0:33:22](#)] and [[mp3: 11-16-17pm2 0:00:11](#)]

[Agenda Item F.2.b, Public Comment 1](#)

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

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

[Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental Public Comment 4](#)

[Agenda Item F.2.b, Supplemental Public Comment 5](#)

Gary Ripka, Fisherman

Gary & Peter Olsen, F/V St. John II

Lisa Damrosch, Half Moon Bay Groundfish Marketing Association

Mark Worley & Thomas Montoya, F/V Golden Charter

Allen Oakley, Commercial Fisherman

Georgon Lapham, F/V Michele Ann

Heather McCarty, Besecker Fish Company

Mike Okoniewski, Pacific Seafood

Mike Hyde, American Seafoods

Michele Longo Eder

Bob Dooley

Kevin Dunn

John Pennisi

Brett Hearne F/V Last Straw

John Corbin, Buck & Ann Fisheries

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

Bob Alverson, Fishing Vessels Owner's Association

Burben Parker

Kate Kauer, The Nature Conservancy

Paul Clampitt, F/V Augustine

Donna Parker, Arctic Storm

Dan Waldeck & John Bundy, Pacific Whiting Conservation Coop

c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Trawl Catch Share Review Report and a Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Follow-On Actions** [[mp3: 11-16-17pm2 0:41:52](#)]

Motion 8 [[mp3: 11-16-17pm2 0:46:44](#)]: Council:

1. Adopt the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-Year Review Report, with the modifications to Chapter 4 as shown in Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 5. Allow authors latitude to make revisions to address minor edits or data corrections that become apparent during final editing. For Chapter 5, affirm those advisory body recommendations that are in line with a review every six years and a mandatory survey of QS owners as reflected in the following recommendations on a preliminary range of alternatives. Finally, include in the Chapter 5 recommendations a list of the follow-on actions that the Council will be considering coming out of the review process.

With regard to the preliminary range of alternatives, the Council:

2. Include alternatives for data collection of Catcher-Processor ownership information and quota share owner cost and revenue data, as recommended in Chapters 4 and 5 of Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 4.
3. Consider coordinating the review timing with the biennial specifications process as recommended in Section 5.0 of Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 4—that is, to schedule the next review to start in 2022 and occur every six years thereafter.
4. For At-Sea Whiting Fishery Bycatch Needs (Issue 1), as a priority, focus analysis on alternatives for
 - a. Set-aside management, and
 - b. Increasing amounts available for harvest.

Consider items

- c. Between sector quota pound trading,
 - d. Changing within trawl and trawl/non-trawl FMP allocations, and
 - e. Carryover of at-sea set-asides as potential additions for the omnibus list.
5. Include the complete list of potential actions in Attachment 6 as alternatives for Council consideration for Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Accumulation Limits (Issue 3), Shorebased IFQ Sector Harvest Complex Needs (Issue 4), and Adaptive Management Plan QP Pass-Through (Issue 6).
 6. Adopt the GMT recommendations, as described in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report, for: At-Sea Bycatch Needs (6a, 6b, and 6c); Shorebased Non-Whiting IFQ Aggregate Limit (8a); and Shorebased IFQ Sector Harvest Needs (9a). Also, in restructuring the shorebased IFQ sector harvest alternatives as recommended by the GMT, incorporate the elaborations developed by the Community Advisory Board (CAB), as described in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CAB Report 1.
 7. Adopt the alternatives developed by the CAB for the Catcher-Processor Sector Accumulation Limits as the preliminary range of alternatives moving forward for further analysis, as described in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CAB Report 1. These alternatives would replace those previously identified by the Council.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: At its November 2017 meeting, the Council finalized its trawl catch share review document and moved forward a number of possible actions that were identified during the five-year review of the trawl catch share program. The processes through which these possible actions will be considered are identified in the following lists.

Catch Share Review Follow-on Included in the Biennial Specifications Process: The following will be addressed in the biennial groundfish specifications process and may be implemented with the management measures for those specifications at the start of 2019.

- Increasing amounts available for harvest, for example, by using values other than historic maximums to determine set-aside amounts.
- Daily vessel quota pound (QP) limits (though possibly only for rebuilt species, i.e. excluding cowcod, yelloweye) and Pacific halibut.
- Continuation of the adaptive management program pass-through.

Catch Share Review Follow-on in a Follow-on Action Package: The following issues will be addressed as part of a catch share review follow-on package that will be considered at the March

2018 meeting. At that time, the Council will finalize a range of alternatives to be analyzed over the summer. A final decision is expected in the fall of 2018.

- At-sea set-asides. Permanently change bycatch management for the at-sea fishery from catch limits to set-asides for canary rockfish, darkblotched rockfish, Pacific ocean perch and widow rockfish. Remove from the Fishery Management Plan the formulas for allocation and set-aside amounts for darkblotched rockfish, Pacific ocean perch and widow rockfish.
- Revise individual species annual vessel QP limits.
- Allow post-season QP trading and provide post-season relief from vessel QP limits.
- Eliminate the September 1 expiration for QP that has not been moved to a vessel account.
- Establish catcher-processor accumulation limits for permit ownership and amount of processing, including a decision on whether to apply the limits immediately or only if the catcher-processor co-op reverts to an individual fishing quota program.
- Require the submission of catcher-processor ownership information during the permit review process.
- Require all owners of quota shares (QS) to provide information on their ownership to the Economic Data Collection Program (currently only QS owners that also own vessels or first receiver licenses are required to submit this information).

Catch Share Review Follow-on as a Stand Alone Agenda Item (possibly March 2018): The Council requested some additional information be available in March to help decide on the process for moving forward, as well as provide some guiding principles to whatever group will be working on the following issues:

- Sablefish 36° Line – Eliminate the line for the trawl sector management or modify the catch area requirements, including applicable annual vessel QP limits.
- Limit gear switching.
- Reduce sablefish annual vessel QP limit.

Increasing Trawl Carryover and Flexibility in ACL Management: At its March meeting, the Council will take up increasing the QP carryover to some amount above 10 percent as part of its consideration of flexibility in ACL management.

Catch Share Review Actions for Later Prioritization in the Omnibus Process: The following topics will be considered for possible action during the Council's groundfish omnibus prioritization process in the Fall of 2018;

- Between trawl sector QP trading.
- Trawl/nontrawl allocations.
- Carryover of at-sea set-asides.
- Aggregate nonwhiting control limits and the weightings used to calculate aggregate holding.

3. [Essential Fish Habitat – Rockfish Conservation Area Amendment, Informational Update](#) – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 11-17-17am1 0:56:36](#)]

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-17-17am1 0:58:47](#)]

[Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental EFH/RCA Project Team Report 1](#)
[Agenda Item F.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 11-17-17am1 0:1:12:02](#)]

[Agenda Item F.3.b, Public Comment 1](#)

Ben Enticknap and Geoff Shester, Oceana

Tom Rudolph, PEW Charitable Trusts

Seth Atkinson, Tom Libby, Shems Jud, and Mike Okoniewski, EFH Collaborators

c. Council Discussion [[mp3: 11-17-17am1 1:29:55](#)]

Staff Summary: None

4. Final Stock Assessments and Rebuilding Analysis – John DeVore [[mp3: 11-17-17am2 0:00:06](#)]

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 1](#): Executive Summary of “Status of Pacific ocean perch (*Sebastes alutus*) along the U.S. west coast in 2017”

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 1](#): Full Version of “Status of Pacific ocean perch (*Sebastes alutus*) along the U.S. west coast in 2017” (*Full Version Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 2](#): Rebuilding analysis for yelloweye rockfish (*Sebastes ruberrimus*) based on the 2017 stock assessment

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 11-17-17am2 0:02:12](#)]

[Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment

None

c. Council Action: Adopt Final Stock Assessments and Rebuilding Analyses for Use in the 2019-2020 Management Cycle and Beyond [[mp3: 11-17-17am2 0:11:17](#)]

Motion 9 [[mp3: 11-17-17am2 0:13:19](#)]: Council adopt the Pacific ocean perch stock assessment endorsed by the SSC for use in the 2019-2020 management cycle and beyond (*Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, November 2017*).

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 10 [[mp3: 11-17-17am2 0:16:53](#)]: Council adopt the yelloweye rockfish rebuilding analysis endorsed by the SSC for use in the 2019-2020 management cycle and beyond (*Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, November 2017*).

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted a new stock assessment for [Pacific ocean perch](#) (POP) and a new rebuilding analysis for [yelloweye rockfish](#), as endorsed by the [Scientific and Statistical Committee](#). The POP stock assessment and the yelloweye rockfish rebuilding analysis will be used to inform management decisions for 2019 and beyond. The adopted POP stock assessment indicates the stock is at 77 percent of its initial unfished biomass and therefore has been successfully rebuilt. The official declaration of POP stock status will be announced once NMFS confirms the assessment is the best scientific information available for management decision-making.

5. [Mid-Biennium Harvest Specifications Adjustments – Final Action](#) – John DeVore
[mp3: 11-17-17am2 0:18:20]

[Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 1](#): Considerations for Frameworking a Mid-Biennium Harvest Specifications Adjustments Process

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [mp3: 11-17-17am2 0:44:37]

[Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Mid-Biennium Harvest Specifications Adjustments

[Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [mp3: 11-17-17am2 1:11:23]

Ralph Brown

c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Policy Alternative for Mid-Biennium Harvest Specifications Adjustments** [mp3: 11-17-17am2 1:16:05]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council considered a new policy framework that would allow an increase in harvest specifications in the second year of a biennial management cycle when a new assessment indicates a substantial increase in the available harvest of a stock. The Council decided to halt further consideration of this new policy in deference to other higher priority tasks. However, the Council requested the NMFS Northwest Fishery Science Center provide information to inform stock assessment priorities for both 2019 and 2021 when assessment priorities are identified in March 2018, as was contemplated in the Council’s consideration of mid-biennium harvest adjustments.

6. [Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2019-2020](#) – John DeVore/Kelly Ames [mp3: 11-17-17pm1 0:00:13]

[Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1](#): 2019 and 2020 Groundfish Harvest Specifications

[Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 2](#): Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis estimates of sustainable yield for cabezon (*Scorpaenichtys marmoratus*) in waters off Washington state

[Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 3](#): Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis (DB-SRA) for Starry Flounder (*Platichthys stellatus*) in U.S. Waters off California, Oregon and Washington

[Agenda Item F.6, Attachment 4](#): Executive Summary of “2017 Lingcod Stock Assessment”

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [mp3: 11-17-17pm1 0:15:19]

[Agenda Item F.6.a, WDFW Report 1](#): Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2019-2020

[Agenda Item F.6.a, GMT Report 1](#): Groundfish Management Team Report on Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2019-2020

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment**

None

- c. **Council Action: Adopt Final 2019-2020 Overfishing Limits, Final P*/Acceptable Biological Catches, Preliminary Preferred Annual Catch Limits for Stock and Stock Complexes, and Consider Associated Issues other than Management Measures** [[mp3: 11-17-17pm1 0:51:56](#)] and [[mp3: 11-17-17pm2 0:00:55](#)]

Motion 11 [[mp3: 11-17-17pm2 0:03:12](#)]: Council:

1. Adopt the OFLs and SSC-endorsed sigmas and stock categories as described in Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1, Table 1, except:
 - a. For Pacific Ocean Perch, adopt the OFLs associated with the status quo management structure north and south of 40°, 10' N. latitude;
 - b. For the Other Fish Complex, analyze the values in Table 1 as an alternative and add Alternative 1 from F.6.a, WDFW Report 1;
 - c. For yelloweye rockfish, analyze a range of OFL alternatives for 2019 and 2020 associated with a range of spawning potential ratios of 70 percent to 76 percent.

2. Adopt the final P* values, and ABCs, and ACLs as preliminary preferred ACLs in F.6.a, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1, Table 4, incorporating the recommendations of the GMT in F.6.a, GMT Report 1 and Supplemental GMT Report 2, and the GAP in F.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report, except:
 - a. For the Other Fish Complex, analyze the values in Table 4 as an alternative and add Alternative 1 from F.6.a, WDFW Report 1;
 - b. For yelloweye rockfish, analyze a range of ABC and ACL alternatives for 2019 and 2020 associated with a range of spawning potential ratios of 70 percent to 76 percent.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 11-17-17pm2 0:028:42](#)]: For yelloweye, add an alternative to analyze SPR of 65 percent.

Joanna Grebel/Marc Gorelnik (Amendment 1 carried unanimously).

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously

Staff Summary: The Council adopted final 2019 and 2020 overfishing limits (OFLs) for all groundfish stocks endorsed by the [Scientific and Statistical Committee](#) except for yelloweye rockfish. The Council also adopted the stock category designations and sigma values, which are used to determine acceptable biological catches (ABCs; sigma, the estimated biomass uncertainty, and P*, the overfishing probability, are used to determine the size of the precautionary reduction from the OFL, which defines the ABC). The Council also adopted the final ABCs and preliminary preferred ACLs recommended by the [Groundfish Management Team](#) and the [Groundfish Advisory Subpanel](#). The yelloweye rockfish OFLs are dependent on the final annual catch limits (ACLs) decided for that stock. The Council selected three alternative harvest control rules (HCRs) for managing yelloweye rockfish: the status quo HCR and harvest specifications under the spawning potential ratio (SPR) harvest rate of 76 percent and those under SPR harvest rates of 70 percent and 65 percent based on the [yelloweye rebuilding analysis](#). The Council did not indicate a preference for a yelloweye rockfish HCR and rebuilding plan at this time. The Council is

scheduled to decide final 2019 and 2020 ACLs and make a final decision on the yelloweye rockfish rebuilding plan at their April meeting in Portland, Oregon.

7. [**Endangered Species Act Consultations on Salmon and Seabirds – Kit Dahl \[mp3: 11-18-17pm1 0:00:23\]**](#)

[Agenda Item F.7, Attachment 1](#): Biological Opinion Regarding the Effects of the Continued Operation of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery as Governed by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and Implementing Regulations at 50 CFR Part 660 by the National Marine Fisheries Service on California Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*), Southern Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*), Bull trout (*Salvelinus cojiifluentus*), Marbled Murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*), and Short-tailed Albatross (*Phoebastria albatrus*), and Accompanying Incidental Take Statement

- a. [**United States Fish and Wildlife Service Report – Laura Todd \[mp3: 11-18-17pm1 0:09:09\]**](#)
- b. [**Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies \[mp3: 11-18-17pm1 0:25:55\]**](#)

[Agenda Item F.7.b, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Update on the ongoing development of a new biological opinion and incidental take statement for salmon taken in the groundfish fishery

[Agenda Item F.7.b, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.7.b, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.7.b, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

- c. Public Comment [[mp3: 11-18-17pm1 1:15:12](#)]

Lori Steele, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative and Sarah Nayani, Arctic Storm

- d. Council Action: Provide Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service on Mitigation Measures and a Process for Implementation of Biological Opinions [[mp3: 11-18-17pm1 1:28:25](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council discussed the range of measures to mitigate the take of ESA-listed Chinook salmon in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery. Potential measures that would be implemented through the 2019-2020 biennial harvest specifications and management measures were adopted under Agenda Item F.9. The Council will receive an update on the completed Biological Opinion at its March 2018 meeting.

The Council also tentatively scheduled action on a regulatory proposal to mitigate take of ESA-listed short-tailed albatross in groundfish fixed gear fisheries for its September 2018 meeting.

8. [**Preliminary Exempted Fishing Permit \(EFP\) Approval for 2019-2020 – Kelly Ames \[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 0:00:08\]**](#)

[Agenda Item F.8, Attachment 1](#): Council Operating Procedure 19, Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Groundfish Fisheries (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item F.8, Attachment 2](#): Application for Exempted Fishing Permit for Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing for the 2019-2020 Fishing Season (*San Francisco Community Fishing Association and Dan Platt*)

[Agenda Item F.8, Attachment 3](#): Interim Report: Exempted Fishing Permit Testing Commercial Jig Fishing Gear Targeting Yellowtail Rockfish for 2017-2018 Groundfish Fisheries (*San Francisco Community Fishing Association and Dan Platt*)

[Agenda Item F.8, Attachment 4](#): Groundfish Exempted Fishing Permit Proposal: Commercial Midwater Hook and Line Rockfish Fishing in the RCA off the Oregon Coast (*Scott Cook and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife*)

[Agenda Item F.8, Attachment 5](#): Chilipepper/Yellowtail Long Leader Exempted Fishing Permit (*Tom Mattusch*)

[Agenda Item F.8, Attachment 6](#): The Nature Conservancy Letter Regarding the Issuance of the 2017-2018 Exempted Fishing Permit

[Agenda Item F.8, Supplemental Attachment 7](#): Monterey Bay Fishermen Exempted Fishing Permit; Chilipepper Rockfish

[Agenda Item F.8, Supplemental Attachment 8](#): Chilipepper/Yellowtail Long Leader Exempted Fishing Permit – Addendum to Attachment 5

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 0:18:28](#)]

[Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental EC Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 1:06:37](#)]

[Agenda Item F.8.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.8.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

[Agenda Item F.8.b, Supplemental Public Comment 3](#)

Alan Lovewell, Real Good Fish

Geoff Shester, Oceana *Did Not Testify*

c. **Council Action: Adopt Preliminary EFPs for Public Review** [[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 1:17:18](#)]

Motion 13 [[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 1:17:18](#)]: Council:

1) Forward the following proposed groundfish EFPs for public review, with all modifications recommended by the GMT in Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, November 2017, and the recommendations on research banners in F.8.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, November 2017:

- Commercial Jig Fishing Targeting Yellowtail Rockfish off California – San Francisco Community Fishing Association and Dan Platt
- Commercial Midwater Hook and Line Rockfish Fishing in the RCA off Oregon – Cook
- Monterey Bay Fishermen Exempted Fishing Permit - Lovell

2) Adopt yield set-asides for these three EFPs as recommended in F.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, November 2017, except for the Cook EFP revise the amount of yelloweye rockfish from 0.26 to 0.13 metric tons.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 1:21:56](#)]: Amend the main motion to include the Tom Mattusch EFP application in Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1.
Marc Gorelnik/Brad Pettinger (Amendment 1 carried, Mr. Anderson, Ms. Yaremko, and Mr. Niles voted no)

Amendment 2 [[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 1:27:06](#)]: With regard to the yield set-aside values identified in Table 1 of GMT Report recommend modifying the Cook value for yelloweye from .26 to .12, and the value for Canary from 10 to 3.
Marc Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine (Amendment withdrawn with consent of the second)

Amendment 3 [[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 1:36:28](#)]: Make the following change in the main motion under section 2) change value of yelloweye from 0.13 to 0.12 metric tons. Amend Table 1 of the GMT Report for yelloweye as follows: Increase Lowell to .06 and change canary for Cook from 10 to 3 mt.

Marci Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine (Amendment carried, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lincoln, and Mr. Niles voted no)

Motion 13, as amended, carried (Mr. Anderson voted no and Ms. Yaremko abstained)

Staff Summary: The Council recommended the following groundfish EFP for public review, including all the modifications contained in the [Groundfish Management Team \(GMT\) report](#), as follows

- [San Francisco Community Fishing Association and Dan Platt Application](#) - Commercial jig fishing targeting yellowtail rockfish in the Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) off California.
- [Scott Cook and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Application](#): Commercial midwater hook-and-line rockfish fishing in the RCA off Oregon. The Council recommended caps be reduced to 0.12 mt for yelloweye rockfish and 3 mt for canary.
- [Monterey Bay Fishermen Exempted Fishing Application](#) – The Council recommended caps be increased for yelloweye rockfish cap to 0.06 mt.
- [Tom Mattusch Application](#) and [Addendum](#): Recreational long leader gear targeting chilipepper and yellowtail rockfish in the RCA. The Council also recommended vessels under this EFP be identified with a research banner.

The Council is scheduled to take final action on EFPs for 2019-2020 in June 2018.

9. [Biennial Management Measures for 2019-2020](#) –Kelly Ames/ John DeVore [[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 1:55:09](#)]

[Agenda Item F.9, Attachment 1](#): Action Item Checklist

[Agenda Item F.9, Attachment 2](#): Recent Year Allocations Relevant to Deciding a Range of 2019-2020 Allocations

[Agenda Item F.9, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Considerations for Implementing a Carryover Provision in Groundfish Management

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-18-17pm2 2:02:20](#)]

[Agenda Item F.9.a, WDFW Report 1](#): Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Biennial Management Measures for 2019-2020

[Agenda Item F.9.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): NMFS Report on Management Measures for the 2019-20 Biennial Harvest Specifications

[Agenda Item F.9.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#): Research Set-Asides for 2019-2020 Biennial Harvest Specifications

[Agenda Item F.9.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item F.9.a, REVISED Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#)

[[mp3: 11-19-17am1 0:01:57](#)] and [[mp3: 11-19-17am2 0:00:36](#)]

[Agenda Item F.9.a, GMT Report 1](#): Groundfish Management Team Report on Management Measures for the 2019-2020 Biennial Harvest Specifications

[Agenda Item F.9.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3](#)

[Agenda Item F.9.a, Supplemental GMT Report 4](#)

[Agenda Item F.9.a, Supplemental GMT Report 5](#)

[Agenda Item F.9.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 11-19-17am2 0:19:50](#)]

[Agenda Item F.9.b, Public Comment 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.9.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

[Agenda Item F.9.b, Supplemental Public Comment 3](#)

Ralph Brown

Louis Zimm, Sportfishing Association of California

Mike Okoniewski, Pacific Seafood

c. **Council Action: Adopt Any Remaining 2019-2020 Harvest Specifications, Preliminary Two-Year Allocation, and Management Measures for Detailed Analysis** [[mp3: 11-19-17am2 0:47:10](#) and [mp3: 11-19-17pm1 0:00:20](#)]

Motion 14 [[mp3: 11-19-17am2 0:50:55](#)]: Council adopt the following for #2-12 and #16 as follows in Supplemental GMT Report 3. If no change is mentioned, apply status quo.

#2 - RCA Revisions

- Adopt revisions in California for detailed analysis

#3 - Off the top deductions

- Adopt as recommended in Supplemental GMT Report 2 and Supplemental CDFW Report 1 with the following changes/clarifications:
 - Cowcod: 0.1 mt is included in buffer between ACT and ACL, not additive to current research set-aside
 - IOA Darkblotched: decrease from 24.5 mt to 7 mt

#4 - ACTs

- cowcod = 6 mt ACT (research catches come off ACL)

#5 - HG

- Blackgill S of 40° 10' – status quo until Amendment 26 rulemaking completed
- Blue RF S of 42° - remove state HG

#6 - Allocations (trawl/non trawl)

- Yelloweye: status quo as a starting point noting additional allocations can be developed for April
- #7 – Allocations (w/in trawl)
- Canary – adopt GMT recommendation
- #8 - Whiting At-Sea Set asides
- Adopt GMT recommended values in Table 13
- #9 - Non-Trawl HG
- Yelloweye: status quo as a starting point noting additional allocations can be developed for April
 - Lingcod Size Limit: Do not consider removal of size limit for commercial fishery sectors
- #10 – Shorebased IFQ
- Adopt GMT recommendation
- #11 & 12 Non-nearshore and Nearshore
- Non-trawl RCA - evaluate changes to seaward boundary from 100 fm to 75 fm between 40° 10' and 42° and evaluate deeper depth restrictions inside CCA.
 - Canary S of 40° 10' – add March-April closure
 - Lingcod S of 40° 10' – evaluate modifications to trip limits to remain within allowable limits
 - North of 40° 10' – evaluate 500 lb/month limit for OA slope and darkblotched rockfish
- #16 – CA Recreational
- Include changes identified in Sept 2017 CDFW report (season dates, bag limit modifications, depth restrictions, etc).

Joanna Grebel/Marc Gorelnik

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 11-19-17am2 1:24:57](#)]: Add to #11 Non-Nearshore: For N of 40° 10' evaluate a 50 lb per month limit for OA shortspine and longspine thornyheads
 Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Amendment carried, Ms. Grebel voted no)
 Motion 14, as amended, carried unanimously

Motion 15 [[mp3: 11-19-17am2 1:30:25](#)]: Council adopt the following:

- #27 Remove FMP formula for establishing the darkblotched rockfish and Pacific ocean perch set-asides for catcher-processors and motherships
 - Do not include this item in analysis for 2019-2020 management measures.
- #29 Lingcod and sablefish discard mortality rates
 - Include for analysis for 2019-2020 management measures.
- #30 Modification or removal of the IFQ quota pound daily vessel limits
 - Move all alternatives forward
- #31 Modifications to the IFQ quota pound individual species limits
 - Do not include in the 2019-2020 new management measure analysis. Keep with five-year review follow-on action process.
 - Recommend preliminary analysis of reducing the sablefish annual vessel use limit along with preliminary analysis of removing the sablefish area management line.
- #34 Amendment 21-3 automatic action

- Modify regulations for 2019 and beyond to change the automatic action authority to discretionary authority to close either at-sea sector if the catcher-processor and mothership sectors were projected to exceed their set-aside values for darkblotched rockfish and Pacific Ocean Perch.

#36 Change Canary and widow rockfish at-sea allocations to set-asides

- Do not include this action as a new management measure; keep with catch shares five-year review follow on action process.

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 11-19-17am2 1:49:25](#)]: Add under #31: analysis of sablefish vessel caps for the area North of 36° be included.

Brad Pettinger/Marc Gorelnik (Amendment failed; Mr. Pettinger voted yes, Mr. Wulff abstained. Motion 15 carried (Mr. Wulff abstained)

Motion 16 [[mp3: 11-19-17pm1 0:00:20](#)]: Council adopt the following for #17, #19, #21-26, #28, #32-33 from Supplemental GMT Report 4 and Supplemental GAP Report 1.

- #17 – Housekeeping
 - Update scientific name for giant grenadier
- #19 – Western CCA boundary
 - Adopt GMT recommendation to evaluate in stand-alone agenda item
- #21 – Carryover
 - Adopt GAP recommendation
- #22 – Multi-year average catch policy
 - Adopt GAP recommendation
- #23 – ESA Mitigation Measures for Short-tailed Albatross
 - Develop in a separate process
- #24 – ESA Salmon Consultation Measures
 - Adopt GMT recommendation
- #25 – Modify trawl regulations for crab retention in California
 - Adopt GMT recommendation
- #26 – Biennial set-asides for Pacific Whiting
 - Adopt GAP recommendation
- #28 – Adaptive Management
 - Adopt GMT recommendation
- #32 – Depth restrictions for directed Pacific halibut fishery
 - Remove from further consideration and analysis
- #33 – VMS for directed Pacific halibut fishery
 - Remove from further consideration and analysis
- #35 – Sablefish Trawl Management Line
 - Do not include in Spex

Joanna Grebel/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 17: Council include the following new management measures for 2019-2020 for further analysis:

#18 Stock complex alternatives

- Include for analysis the following stock complex alternatives for 2019-2020:
 - Oregon blue/deacon/black/nearshore rockfish north proposal from Agenda Item F.9.a, GMT Report 1, November 2017
 - Oregon kelp greenling/cabazon/other fish proposal from Agenda Item F.9.a, GMT Report 1, November 2017

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried; Ms. Grebel voted no, and Mr. Wulff abstained)

Staff Summary: The Council provided guidance on the methods and values necessary to initiate the analysis of management measures for 2019-2020. The Council recommended stock complex alternatives that affect the following stocks: Oregon blue/deacon, Oregon black rockfish, and the Nearshore Rockfish North of 40° 10' N. latitude complex; and Oregon kelp greenling, Oregon cabazon, and the Other Fish complex. Additionally, the Council forwarded an alternative for analysis that would remove Washington cabazon and Washington kelp greenling from the Other Fish complex and manage them in a separate Washington cabazon/kelp greenling complex.

The Council also included the following new measures for analysis as described in [GMT Report 4](#): salmon mitigation measures for midwater trawl gears and rules for all sectors for accessing the salmon reserve (item 24), sablefish, and lingcod discard mortality rates applied to Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program QP (item 29), removal of the daily vessel limits in the Shorebased IFQ program (item 30), removal of the automatic action provision that closes the at-sea Pacific whiting sectors if a darkblotched or Pacific ocean perch set-aside and the associated buffer is attained (item 34).

The results of the 2019-2020 harvest specifications and management measure analysis will be provided to the Council during an informational presentation at the March 2018 meeting. In April 2018, the Council is scheduled to adopt a preliminary preferred suite of management measures. After a public review period, the Council will take final action at the June 2018 Council meeting with implementation scheduled for January 1, 2019.

10. [Off-Year Science and Stock Assessment Methodology Review – Final Topic Selection](#) – John DeVore [[mp3: 11-19-17pm1 0:44:39](#)]

a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies](#) [[mp3: 11-19-17pm1 0:50:30](#)]

[Agenda Item F.10.a, ODFW Report 1](#): Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Stock Assessment Methodology Review

[Agenda Item F.10.a, CDFW Report 1](#): California Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Off-Year Science and Stock Assessment Methodology Review Topic Selection

[Agenda Item F.10.a, NMFS NWFSC Report 1](#): Northwest Fisheries Science Center Statement on Off-Year Science and Stock Assessment Methodology Review

[Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental NMFS NWFSC Presentation 1](#): NWFSC Comments on Off-year (2018) Science and Stock Assessment Methodology Reviews

[Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment**

None

- c. **Council Action: Adopt a Plan for Improvements in Groundfish Management Science and Identify Priority Stock Assessment Methodology Review Topics for 2018** [[mp3: 11-19-17pm1 1:18:41](#)]

Motion 18 [[mp3: 11-19-17pm1 1:43:48](#)]: Council approve the recommendations of the SSC in Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, November 2017, including adopting the following workshops and methodology reviews for improvements to groundfish management science for 2018:

- Off-Year Science Workshops
 - Review of Data-Limited Methods for use in groundfish stock assessments.
 - Follow-up workshop on historical catch reconstruction.

- Methodology Reviews during 2018
 - Improve catch estimation methods in sparsely sampled mixed stock fisheries.
 - Proposed remotely operated vehicle (ROV) survey of nearshore stocks, California and Oregon.

In addition, recommend participation by representatives of the GAP and GMT in these workshops and methodology reviews where appropriate.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted the off-year science and stock assessment methodology review recommendations of the [Scientific and Statistical Committee](#). Off-Year Science Workshops that will be conducted next year include a review of data-limited methods for use in groundfish stock assessments and a follow-up workshop on historical catch reconstruction with a focus on historical catch reconstructions of skate species. Methodology reviews planned for next year include a review of catch estimation methods in sparsely sampled mixed stock fisheries and a review of proposed remotely operated vehicle (ROV) surveys of nearshore stocks in California and Oregon. The focus of the methodology review of the nearshore ROV surveys will be how collected data can be used to inform stock assessments. The Council recommended participation by representatives of the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel and the Groundfish Management Team in these workshops and methodology reviews where appropriate.

11. **[Electronic Monitoring – Final Pacific Halibut Discard Mortality Rates, Discard Species Lists, and Third-Party Review](#)** – Brett Wiedoff [[mp3: 11-19-17pm2 0:00:50](#)]

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-19-17pm2 0:10:19](#)]

[Agenda Item F.11.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.11.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Discard Species List Changes

[Agenda Item F.11.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Final Action on Electronic Monitoring Regulations for Groundfish Bottom Trawl and Non-whiting Midwater Trawl Vessels

[Agenda Item F.11.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): NMFS Report on EM (*Hooper*)

[Agenda Item F.11.a, GEMPAC/TAC Supplemental Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.11.a, GMT Report 1](#): Proposed Pacific Halibut Electronic Monitoring Discard Mortality Rates for Bottom Trawl Vessels

[Agenda Item F.11.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item F.11.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.11.a, Supplemental EC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.11.a, Supplemental IPHC Report 1](#): Letter to PFMC re: Pacific Halibut Discard Mortality Rates for Bottom Trawls Using Electronic Monitoring

b. Public Comment

Ralph Brown *Did Not Testify*

c. Council Action: Adopt Final Pacific Halibut Discard Mortality Rates, Discard Species Lists, and a Third-Party Review Policy for Groundfish Trawl Electronic Monitoring Regulations [mp3: 11-19-17pm2 1:42:51]

Motion 19 [mp3: 11-19-17pm2 1:43:33]: Council conditionally adopt the following discard mortality rates for Pacific Halibut in the bottom trawl and non-whiting midwater trawl fisheries coastwide with the condition the best handling practices are followed:

For Bottom Trawl

Adopt Option 2 – Implement a vessel-specific DMR rate for each halibut discarded under EM using the GMT model identified in Agenda Item F.11.a, GMT Report 1. In addition, implement the documentation steps identified in Agenda Item F.11.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2.

For the Non-Whiting Midwater Trawl

If a vessel declares optimized retention, then apply Option 1 - Default rate of 90 percent DMR for all discarded halibut under EM.

If a vessel declares maximized retention, then apply Option 2 -The halibut must be landed and a DMR of 100 percent is applied.

Implementation Condition

Implementation of the revised discard mortality rates would be put in effect only after the GMT has communicated with the chairs of the SSC groundfish and economic subcommittees and received their concurrence that the GMT had fulfilled the conditions of the SSC as identified in Agenda Item F.11.a.

Phil Anderson/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 20 [mp3: 11-19-17pm2 1:53:09]: Council adopt as Final Preferred Alternatives for Electronic monitoring:

1: Discard Species List Adjustment: Option 2 as shown in Agenda Item F.11.a, NMFS Report 1 as the process to adjust the discard species list.

2: Video Review: Third Party Model (Supplemental GEMPAC Report 1)

Dorothy Lowman/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 21 [mp3: 11-19-17pm2 2:00:13]: Council adopt the recommendation in the supplemental EC report, Agenda item F.11.a, that NMFS maintain the maximized retention requirement in the whiting fishery as it finalizes the EM regulations, to disallow discards except as otherwise provided.

Marci Yaremko/Marc Gorelnik (motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted Pacific halibut discard mortality rates (DMR) for the bottom trawl and non-whiting midwater trawl fisheries that use electronic monitoring (EM).

For the bottom trawl fishery, a DMR model based on time on deck was conditionally approved by the [SSC](#). The modeled mortality rate (or revised rates) will be applied after the SSC receives confirmation that the GMT has fulfilled the conditions identified by the SSC. All vessels will be required to use best handling practices for the modeled rate to be applied, otherwise a default rate of 90 percent would be applied.

For the non-whiting midwater trawl fishery, the following will be applied:

- When a vessel declares optimized retention, a default rate of 90 percent will be applied to all halibut that are discarded.
- When a vessel declares maximized retention, the halibut must be landed and a DMR of 100 percent will be applied.

In addition, the Council adopted the following final preferred alternatives for electronic monitoring:

- For the Discard Species List Adjustment process, the Council selected [Option 2](#) whereby a species may be added or removed under an inseason action during one Council meeting. Vessel monitoring plans would be updated to reflect the change.
- The Council selected the [Third Party Video Review Model](#), in which Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and other eligible entities would compete as a video review provider for the industry.

The Council also asked the Executive Director to explore opportunities to create a designated funding mechanism for electronic monitoring to help offset the cost of EM, similar to that used by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council as authorized in Section 314 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA).

12. [Cost Recovery Update](#) –Jim Seger [[mp3: 11-17-17pm2 0:41:23](#)]

[Agenda Item F.12, Attachment 1](#): Trawl Rationalization Program Cost Recovery Annual Report

[Agenda Item F.12, Attachment 2](#): Excerpt From: Groundfish Advisory Subpanel Report On Trawl Catch Shares, Intersector Allocation Progress Reports And Cost Recovery Report (Agenda Item F.4.b, Supplemental GAP Report, April 2017)

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 11-17-17pm2 0:43:12](#)]

[Agenda Item F.12.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Report Regarding Recoverable Tasks in the Trawl Rationalization Cost Recovery Program

[Agenda Item F.12.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 11-17-17pm2 0:59:27](#)]

Heather Mann, Midwater Trawler's Cooperative

Mike Okoniewski, Pacific Seafood

Ralph Brown

c. Council Action: Council Recommendations for Future Cost Recovery Reports [[mp3: 11-17-17pm2 1:11:56](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council received a report from NMFS on some of the challenges of increasing the transparency of reports on its cost recovery program and asked that constituents meet with NMFS to discuss ways some of their concerns might be addressed in the next of the NMFS annual cost recovery reports.

13. **[Final Action on Inseason Adjustments for 2017 and 2018](#)** – Kelly Ames [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 0:02:54](#)]

[Agenda Item F.13, Attachment 1](#): Historical Mortality of Pacific Whiting in Research and Pink Shrimp

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 0:05:16](#)]

- [Agenda Item F.13.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)
- [Agenda Item F.13.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 1](#)
- [Agenda Item F.13.a, Supplemental **REVISED** GMT Report 1](#)
- [Agenda Item F.13.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment**

None

c. **Council Action: Adopt Pacific Whiting Yield Set-Asides for 2018 and Final Inseason Adjustments for 2017 and 2018 as Necessary, to Achieve, but Not Exceed, Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives** [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 0:40:42](#)]

Motion 22 [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 0:53:18](#)]: Council adopt:

- 2018 Big skate trip limits for the shorebased IFQ fishery: Alternative 2, as recommended by the GAP and shown in F.13.a, Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1, Table 4
- 2018 Sablefish DTL trip limits, Alternative 1, F.13.a, Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1, Table 7
- 2018 Lingcod trip limits: Alternative 2 for LE and OA fisheries (Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1, Table 9)
- 2018 Pacific whiting set aside for research and pink shrimp sectors: 1,500 mt (F.13.a, Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1)

In addition, recommend that the National Marine Fisheries Service:

- Amend the LE and OA trip limit tables in Federal regulations as recommended in F.13.a, Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1
- Consider changing the terms and conditions of the Platt/Emley EFP to allow for canary rockfish to be sold in 2018

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council considered the most recent data on fishery performance and recommended NMFS implement the following adjustments for 2018 fisheries, intended to increase attainment of the annual catch limits:

Big skate trip limits, in pounds, for the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota Program as follows

Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Oct	Nov-Dec
Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
5,000	30,000	35,000	40,000	15,000	5,000

In addition, the Council recommended that NMFS clarify that the limited entry (LE) and open access (OA) trip limits for big skate are unlimited.

Sablefish north of 36° N. latitude trip limits for the LE and OA fixed gear fisheries as follows

Sector	Trip Limit for Periods 1-6
LE	1,100 lbs per week, not to exceed 3,300 lbs/2 mo
OA	300 lbs/day, or 1 landing per week up to 1,000 lbs, not to exceed 2,000 lbs/2 mo

Trip limits for lingcod north of 40° 10' N. latitude as follows

Sector	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	MAY-JUN	JUL-AUG	SEP-OCT	NOV-DEC
LE	600 lb/2 months		1,400 lb/2 months			700 lb/mo 400 lb/mo
OA	300 lb/month		700 lb/ month			300 lb/mo

The Council also recommended that NMFS establish a 1,500 mt deduction from the 2018 Pacific whiting set total allowable catch to account for Pacific whiting mortality in research and pink shrimp fisheries. Finally, the Council recommended NMFS modify the 2018 EFP terms and conditions of the San Francisco Community Fishing Association & Dan Platt to allow for canary rockfish to be sold, given that the stock is rebuilt.

G. Administrative Matters

1. [Legislative Matters](#) – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 11-17-17am1 0:01:50](#)]

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1](#): Staff Summary of Federal Legislation

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2](#): HR 23: Gaining Responsibility on Water Act (*Electronic only*)

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 3](#): Huffman request for comment

[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 4](#): Golden Gate Salmon Association analysis of HR 23
[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 5](#): Panetta request for comment
[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 6](#): HR 3916: FISH Act
[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 7](#): Huffman discussion draft (*Electronic only*)
[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 8](#): Summary of Huffman discussion draft
[Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 9](#): Staff comparison of MSA Bills
[Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental Attachment 10](#): DRAFT Letter to Representatives Huffman and Thompson re: HR 23, the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017
[Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental Attachment 11](#): DRAFT Letter to Representatives Calvert and Panetta re: HR 3916, the FISH Act
[Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental Attachment 12](#): Letter from James Unsworth, WDFW, to the Washington Congressional Delegation re: S. 1520
[Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental Attachment 13](#): Letter to Senator Dan Sullivan from the NPFMC re: MSA comments
[Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental Attachment 14](#): Draft S. Bill on Driftnet Fishing
[Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental Attachment 15](#): Draft Letter to Representatives Mr. Calvert and Mr. Panetta re: HR3916
[Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental Attachment 16](#): Draft Letter to Representatives Mr. Huffman and Mr. Thompson re: HR 23

- a. [Report of the Legislative Committee – Dave Hanson \[mp3: 11-17-17am1 0:05:36\]](#)
- b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [mp3: 11-17-17am1 0:12:34]**

[Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)
[Agenda Item G.1.a, Supplemental SAS Report 2](#)

- c. **Public Comment [mp3: 11-17-17am1 0:15:19]**

Corey Ridings, Ocean Conservancy and Seth Atkinson, Natural Resources Defense Council
Sarah Nayani, Arctic Storm
Ralph Brown

- d. **Council Action: Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations [mp3: 11-17-17am1 0:32:34]**

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council approved sending the requested letter on HR 3916 (the FISH Act) to Representatives Calvert and Panetta ([Supplemental Attachment 15](#)) with edits suggested by the Council, and approved the letter to Representative Huffman commenting on HR 23, the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act ([Supplemental Attachment 16](#)), without changes. The Council directed staff to begin drafting a response letter or letters on MSA reauthorization before the March Council meeting, using the Council’s “quick response letter” procedure in the event that the Council receives a Congressional request for comment, and providing requested comments on MSA reauthorization to the current Administration.

2. **Fiscal Matters** – Patricia Crouse [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:04:50](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2 Supplemental Attachment 1](#): Executive Director's Report to the Budget Committee

- a. [Report of the Budget Committee](#) – Dorothy Lowman [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:06:10](#)]
- b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- c. **Public Comment**

None

- d. **Council Action: Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations** [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:21:26](#)]

Motion 23 [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:22:57](#)]: Council approve the Budget Committee Report, and highlight the recommendations #1 and #2 as shown in Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental BC Report 1, November 2017.

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemmer (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council approved a Provisional CY 201 Budget of \$4,980,814, which includes hosting a [meeting of the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee](#) of the Council Coordination Committee in January 2018. The Council also tasked the Executive Director with pursuing additional funding for special projects not covered by base-level funding. The Council is scheduled to adopt a final CY 2018 operational budget at its June 2018 meeting.

3. **Approval of Council Meeting Record** – Phil Anderson [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:28:39](#)]

[Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1](#): Draft Council Meeting Record: 241st Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (September 11-18, 2017)

- a. **Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record**

Motion 24 [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:29:15](#)]: Council approve the draft September 2017 Council meeting record as shown in Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1, November 2017.

Herb Pollard/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: None

4. **Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedure** – Mike Burner [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:29:45](#)]

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- b. **Public Comment**

[Agenda Item G.4.b, Public Comment 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.4.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

- c. **Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures** [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:34:48](#)]

Motion 25 [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:35:05](#)]: Council appoint Ms. Sarah Nayani to the trawl at-large seat on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.

Brad Pettinger/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 26 [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:36:07](#)]: Council appoint Mr. Trung Nguyen to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife seat on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team currently held by Ms. Chelsea Protasio.

Marci Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine

Motion 27 [[mp3: 11-20-17am1 1:36:40](#)]: Council appoint Dr. Derek Dapp to fill the current Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife vacancy on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team.

Corey Niles/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council reviewed and approved the following appointments:

- Ms. Sarah Nayani was appointed to the trawl at-large seat on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel formerly held by Mr. Brent Paine.
- Mr. Trung Nguyen was appointed to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife seat on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team formerly held by Ms. Chelsea Protasio.
- Dr. Derek Dapp was appointed to fill the current Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife vacancy on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team.
- In consultation with the Council, Chairman Anderson appointed Mr. Jeff Lackey to the Community Advisory Board seat formerly held by Mr. Brad Pettinger.
- Additionally, Chairman Anderson appointed Ms. Caren Braby as the Council's representation on the West Coast Regional Planning Body. Ms. Michele Culver formerly held this role and will continue as a Council designee.

5. [Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning – Chuck Tracy](#) [[mp3: 11-20-17am2 0:00:02](#)]

[Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 1](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary

[Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 2](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, March 7-14, 2018 in Rohnert Park, California

[Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 3](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 5-11, 2018 in Portland, Oregon

[Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 4](#): Groundfish Workload Priorities

[Agenda Item G.5, Supplemental Attachment 5](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary (*dated 11/19/17; 15:29*)

[Agenda Item G.5, Supplemental Attachment 6](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, March 7-14, 2018 in Rohnert Park, California (*dated 11/20/2017*)

[Agenda Item G.5, Supplemental Attachment 7](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, April 5-11, 2018 in Portland, Oregon (*dated 11/20/17*)

[Agenda Item G.5, Supplemental Attachment 8](#): Groundfish Workload Priorities (*dated 11/20/17*)

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-20-17am2 0:04:42](#)]

[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#)
[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)
[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)
[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)
[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)
[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 11-20-17am2 0:39:38](#)]

[Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Ralph Brown

c. **Council Action: Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning** [[mp3: 11-20-17am2 0:32:56](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

H. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – **Kit Dahl** [[mp3: 11-18-17am1 0:02:20](#)]

a. **Regulatory Activities – Heidi Taylor** [[mp3: 11-18-17am1 0:02:26](#)]

[Agenda Item H.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Report on Highly Migratory Species Activities

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

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

[Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): Advances in Fishing Methods to Reduce Bycatch (Swimmer)

[Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 2](#): Dynamic Oceans and Dynamic Ecosystems (*Elliott Hazen*)

b. **Science Center Activities –Gerard DiNardo**

c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-18-17am1 1:12:33](#)]

[Agenda Item H.1.c, CDFW Report 1](#): Use of Hook and Line Gear to Target Swordfish

[Agenda Item H.1.c, Supplemental CDFW Report 2](#): CDFW's comments on HMS FMP Amendment 5 and proposed rule for implementation of a Federal limited entry drift gillnet permit

[Agenda Item H.1.c, Supplemental CFGC Report 1](#): Letter to Chris Oliver re: resolution from CFGC disagreeing with the NMFS withdrawal of the hard caps rule for the California drift gillnet swordfish fishery; support for a delay in the federalization of drift gillnet permits

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

d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 11-18-17am1 1:20:46](#)]

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

Geoff Shester, Oceana

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

e. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 11-18-17am1 1:34:29](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

2. [Recommendations for International Management Activities – Kit Dahl](#) [[mp3: 11-18-17am2 0:00:05](#)]

[Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1](#): Provisional Annotated Agenda for the Fourteenth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

a. **Outcomes of the Third North Pacific Albacore Management Strategy Evaluation Workshop – Kit Dahl** [[mp3: 11-18-17am2 0:11:17](#)]

[Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental MSE Workshop Presentation 1](#): 3RD ISC Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Workshop; Dahl

b. **Report on the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Permanent Advisory Committee Meeting – Kit Dahl**

[Agenda Item H.2.b, Supplemental WCFPC PAC Report 1](#)

c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 11-18-17am2 0:32:07](#)]

[Agenda Item H.2.c, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): International HMS Activities

[Agenda Item H.2.c, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Proposed Rule for Fishing Restrictions for Tropical Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean for 2018-2020

[Agenda Item H.2.c, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#): Update on Landings of Tuna, Swordfish, and Other Pelagics

[Agenda Item H.2.c, Supplemental CDFW Presentation 1](#): HMS Landings Update

[Agenda Item H.2.c, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item H.2.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

d. **Public Comment**

[Agenda Item H.2.d, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Geoff Shester, Oceana

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

Doug Fricke

e. **Council Action: Consider Reports on International Activities and Provide Recommendations, as appropriate** [[mp3: 11-18-17am2 1:01:13](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council endorsed NMFS-proposed trip limits for Pacific bluefin tuna commercial landings in 2018. A 1 mt trip limit would apply to all fisheries except for the large mesh drift gillnet fishery, which would be subject to a 2 mt trip limit. These limits would prevent rapid attainment of the low 2018 catch limit of approximately 120 mt while minimizing regulatory discards due to unavoidable incidental catch on a single trip.

3. [Proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits – Kit Dahl \[mp3: 11-18-17am2 1:09:27\]](#)

[Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 1](#): Council September 2017 Recommendations on Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Issuance

[Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 2](#): Summary of Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Applications Submitted for the November 2017 Council Meeting

[Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 3](#): DSBG EFP Application from Mr. Stephen Mintz

[Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 4](#): DSBG EFP Application from Mr. Donald Brockman

[Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 5](#): DSBG EFP Application from Mr. Thomas Carson

[Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 6](#): DSBG EFP Application from Mr. Christopher Ekstrom

[Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 7](#): DSBG EFP Application from Mr. John Foster

[Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 8](#): DSBG EFP Application from Mr. Stephen Greyshock

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [mp3: 11-18-17am2 1:13:10]**

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

[Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Updates on the Status of DSBG EFP Applications ; *Federal Register* notice dated November 16, 2017

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

[Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental HMSMT Presentation 1](#) (Hellmers)

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

[Agenda Item H.3.c, Supplemental EC Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment [mp3: 11-18-17am2 1:26:55]**

[Agenda Item H.3.b, Public Comment 1](#)

Geoff Shester, Oceana

c. **Council Action: Provide Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service on Exempted Fishing Permit Applications to Test Deep-Set Buoy Gear [mp3: 11-18-17am2 1:30:31]**

Motion 12 [mp3: 11-18-17am2 1:41:22]: Council approve to recommend to NMFS the EFP applications as recommended in Agenda Item H.3.a, HMSMT Report 1 with the one adjustment with the recommendation of the HMSAS Report (Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1).

David Crabbe/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council reviewed two revised applications ([Mintz](#), [Foster](#)) and recommended NMFS issue EFPs to the applicants. It also recommended NMFS issue an EFP based on one new application ([Carson](#)) but asked the applicant to submit additional information to NMFS related to his past experience using deep-set buoy gear.

Finally, the Council asked three applicants ([Brockman](#), [Ekstrom](#), [Greyshock](#)) resubmit revised applications that include additional information on how they would address data gaps.

I. Enforcement Matters

1. [Tri-State Enforcement Report – Jim Seger \[mp3: 11-15-17pm2 0:00:10\]](#)
 - a. **Tri-State Enforcement Representatives Report – Dan Chadwick, Robert Puccinelli and Ryan Howell**

[Agenda Item I.1.a, Supplemental Tri-State Enforcement Presentation 1](#) (MP3, right click to download and save to view on your workstation; large file 1.06 GB)

- b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**
- c. **Public Comment**

None

- d. **Council Action: Consider Report from the Tri-State Enforcement Representatives [mp3: 11-15-17pm2 0:33:12]**

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

[Informational Report 1](#): Managing Fisheries in a Changing Environment – Discussions from the 2017 Forum May 1-2, 2017, Monterey, California

[Informational Report 2](#): NOAA Report; Marine Recreational Information Program – Collaborating to Improve Recreational Fishing Estimates – Strategic Plan: 2017-2022

[Informational Report 3](#): Framework for Addressing the National Academies Recommendations

[Informational Report 4](#): Nominations Sought for Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC)

[Supplemental Informational Report 5](#): Status Report of the 2017 Ocean Salmon Fisheries off Washington, Oregon, and California; preliminary data through October 31, 2017

VOTING LOG

Motion 1: Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, November 14-20, 2017](#) Council Meeting Agenda with the changes of cancelling Agenda Item C.3 Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection and changing the scheduling of I.1 Tri-State Enforcement Report to this afternoon.

Herb Pollard/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 2: Council adopt the preliminary Exempted Fishing Permit proposals ([Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1](#) and [Attachment 2](#)) for public review, and that proponents revise the proposals according to feedback from the SSC ([Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#)) and CPSMT ([Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental CPSMT Report 1](#)) statements.

Briana Brady/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 3: Council adopt the reduced index method for Oregon OCN in 2018 and beyond ([Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1](#))

Caren Braby/Brad Pettinger (motion carried unanimously)

Motion 4: Council recommend to NMFS Control Rule 10 as presented in [Agenda Item D.3.a, SRWCW Report 1](#): Further Evaluation of Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon Control Rules: Addendum to Ad Hoc SRWC Workgroup (2017), for their review of the consultation standards under the ESA.

Brett Kormos/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried, Dr. Peter Dygert abstained)

Motion 5: Council adopt the proposed schedule and process for developing 2018 ocean salmon fishery management measures as shown in [Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1, November 2017](#) with the specification of the California hearing as Salinas, California.

Phil Anderson/Caren Braby (with Kormos/Gorelnik Amendment) carried unanimously

Motion 6: Council maintain status quo management of the Oregon Central Coast Subarea as one unit in the 2018 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 7: Council adopt the recommendations for the 2018 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan as shown in [Agenda Item E.1.a, WDFW Report 1, November 2017](#).

Michele Culver/Phil Anderson (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 8: Council:

1. Adopt the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-Year Review Report, with the modifications to Chapter 4 as shown in [Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 5](#). Allow authors latitude to make revisions to address minor edits or data corrections that become apparent during final editing. For Chapter 5, affirm those advisory body recommendations that are in line with a review every six years and a mandatory survey of QS owners as reflected in the following recommendations on a preliminary range of alternatives. Finally, include in the Chapter 5 recommendations a list of the follow-on actions that the Council will be considering coming out of the review process.

With regard to the preliminary range of alternatives, the Council:

2. Include alternatives for data collection of Catcher-Processor ownership information, and quota share owner cost and revenue data, as recommended in Chapters 4 and 5 of [Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 4](#).
3. Consider coordinating the review timing with the biennial specifications process as recommended in Section 5.0 of [Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 4](#)—that is, to schedule the next review to start in 2022 and occur every six years thereafter.
4. For At-Sea Whiting Fishery Bycatch Needs (Issue 1), as a priority, focus analysis on alternatives for
 - a. Set-aside management, and
 - b. Increasing amounts available for harvest.

Consider items

- c. Between sector quota pound trading,
- d. Changing within trawl and trawl/non-trawl FMP allocations, and
- e. Carryover of at-sea set-asides as potential additions for the omnibus list.

5. Include the complete list of potential actions in [Attachment 6](#) as alternatives for Council consideration for Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Accumulation Limits (Issue 3), Shorebased IFQ Sector Harvest Complex Needs (Issue 4), and Adaptive Management Plan QP Pass-Through (Issue 6).
6. Adopt the GMT recommendations, as described in Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report, for: At-Sea Bycatch Needs (6a, 6b, and 6c); Shorebased Non-Whiting IFQ Aggregate Limit (8a); and Shorebased IFQ Sector Harvest Needs (9a). Also, in restructuring the shorebased IFQ sector harvest alternatives as recommended by the GMT, incorporate the elaborations developed by the Community Advisory Board (CAB), as described in [Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CAB Report 1](#).
7. Adopt the alternatives developed by the CAB for the Catcher-Processor Sector Accumulation Limits as the preliminary range of alternatives moving forward for further analysis, as described in [Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CAB Report 1](#). These alternatives would replace those previously identified by the Council.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 9: Council adopt the Pacific ocean perch stock assessment endorsed by the SSC for use in the 2019-2020 management cycle and beyond (*Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, November 2017*).

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 10: Council adopt the yelloweye rockfish rebuilding analysis endorsed by the SSC for use in the 2019-2020 management cycle and beyond (*Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, November 2017*).

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 11: Council:

1. Adopt the OFLs and SSC-endorsed sigmas and stock categories as described in [Agenda Item F.6.a, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1, Table 1](#), except:
 - a. For Pacific Ocean Perch, adopt the OFLs associated with the status quo management structure north and south of 40° 10' N. latitude;
 - b. For the Other Fish Complex, analyze the values in Table 1 as an alternative and add Alternative 1 from [F.6.a, WDFW Report 1](#);
 - c. For yelloweye rockfish, analyze a range of OFL alternatives for 2019 and 2020 associated with a range of spawning potential ratios of 70 percent to 76 percent.
2. Adopt the final P* values, ABCs, and ACLs as preliminary preferred ACLs in [F.6.a, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1](#), Table 4, incorporating the recommendations of the GMT in [F.6.a, GMT Report 1](#) and [Supplemental GMT Report 2](#), and the GAP in [F.6.a, Supplemental GAP Report](#), except:
 - a. For the Other Fish Complex, analyze the values in Table 4 as an alternative and add Alternative 1 from [F.6.a, WDFW Report 1](#);
 - b. For yelloweye rockfish, analyze a range of ABC and ACL alternatives for 2019 and 2020 associated with a range of spawning potential ratios of 70 percent to 76 percent, and a SPR of 65 percent.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (as amended by Grebel/Gorelnik) carried unanimously

Motion 12: Council approve to recommend to NMFS the EFP applications as recommended in [Agenda Item H.3.a, HMSMT Report 1](#) with the one adjustment with the recommendation of the HMSAS Report ([Agenda Item H.3.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)).

David Crabbe/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 13: Council:

1) Forward the following proposed groundfish EFPs for public review, with all modifications recommended by the GMT in [Agenda Item F.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#), November 2017, and the recommendations on research banners in [F.8.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1, November 2017](#):

- Commercial Jig Fishing Targeting Yellowtail Rockfish off California – San Francisco Community Fishing Association and Dan Platt
- Commercial Midwater Hook and Line Rockfish Fishing in the RCA off Oregon – Cook
- Monterey Bay Fishermen Exempted Fishing Permit – Lovell
- Chilipepper/Yellowtail Long Leader Exempted Fishing Permit – Mattusch (amendment1)

2) Adopt yield set-asides for these three EFPs as recommended in [F.8.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, November 2017](#), except for the Cook EFP revise the amount of yelloweye rockfish from 0.26 to 0.12 metric tons. And amend Table 1 of the GMT Report for yelloweye as follows: Increase Lowell to .06 and change canary for Cook from 10 to 3 mt. (Amendment 3)

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman

Motion 13 (as amended by Gorelnik/Pettinger and Yaremko/Brizendien) carried (Mr. Anderson voted no and Ms. Yaremko abstained)

Motion 14 Council adopt the following for #2-12 and #16 as follows in [Supplemental GMT Report 3](#). If no change is mentioned, apply status quo.

#2 - RCA Revisions

- Adopt revisions in California for detailed analysis

#3 - Off the top deductions

- Adopt as recommended in [Supplemental GMT Report 2](#) and [Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#) with the following changes/clarifications:
 - Cowcod: 0.1 mt is included in buffer between ACT and ACL, not additive to current research set-aside
 - IOA Darkblotched: decrease from 24.5 mt to 7 mt

#4 - ACTs

- cowcod = 6 mt ACT (research catches come off ACL)

#5 - HG

- Blackgill S of 40° 10' – status quo until Amendment 26 rulemaking completed
- Blue RF S of 42° - remove state HG

#6 - Allocations (trawl/non trawl)

- Yelloweye: status quo as a starting point noting additional allocations can be developed for April

#7 – Allocations (w/in trawl)

- Canary – adopt GMT recommendation
- #8 - Whiting At-Sea Set asides
 - Adopt [GMT recommended values in Table 13](#)
- #9 - Non-Trawl HG
 - Yelloweye: status quo as a starting point noting additional allocations can be developed for April
 - Lingcod Size Limit: Do not consider removal of size limit for commercial fishery sectors
- #10 – Shorebased IFQ
 - Adopt GMT recommendation
- #11 & 12 Non-nearshore and Nearshore
 - Non-trawl RCA - evaluate changes to seaward boundary from 100 fm to 75 fm between 40° 10' and 42° and evaluate deeper depth restrictions inside CCA.
 - Canary S of 40° 10' – add March-April closure
 - Lingcod S of 40° 10' – evaluate modifications to trip limits to remain within allowable limits
 - North of 40° 10' – evaluate 500 lb/month limit for OA slope and darkblotched rockfish
 - Non-Nearshore: For N of 40° 10' evaluate a 50 lb per month limit for OA shortspine and longspine thornyheads (Amendment 1)
- #16 – CA Recreational
 - Include changes identified in [Sept 2017 CDFW report](#) (season dates, bag limit modifications, depth restrictions, etc).

Joanna Grebel/Marc Gorelnik as amended by Sommer/Lowman; (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 15: Council adopt the following:

- #27 Remove FMP formula for establishing the darkblotched rockfish and Pacific ocean perch set-asides for catcher-processors and motherships
 - Do not include this item in analysis for 2019-2020 management measures.
- #29 Lingcod and sablefish discard mortality rates
 - Include for analysis for 2019-2020 management measures.
- #30 Modification or removal of the IFQ quota pound daily vessel limits
 - Move all alternatives forward
- #31 Modifications to the IFQ quota pound individual species limits
 - Do not include in the 2019-2020 new management measure analysis. Keep with five-year review follow-on action process.
 - Recommend preliminary analysis of reducing the sablefish annual vessel use limit along with preliminary analysis of removing the sablefish area management line.
- #34 Amendment 21-3 automatic action
 - Modify regulations for 2019 and beyond to change the automatic action authority to discretionary authority to close either at-sea sector if the catcher-processor and mothership sectors were projected to exceed their set-aside values for darkblotched rockfish and Pacific Ocean Perch.
- #36 Change Canary and widow rockfish at-sea allocations to set-asides
 - Do not include this action as a new management measure; keep with catch shares 5 year review follow on action process.

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger
Motion 15 carried (Mr. Wulff abstained)

Motion 16: Council adopt the following for #17, #19, #21-26, #28, #32-33 from [Supplemental GMT Report 4](#) and [Supplemental GAP Report 1](#).

- #17 – Housekeeping
 - Update scientific name for giant grenadier
- #19 – Western CCA boundary
 - Adopt GMT recommendation to evaluate in stand-alone agenda item
- #21 – Carryover
 - Adopt GAP recommendation
- #22 – Multi-year average catch policy
 - Adopt GAP recommendation
- #23 – ESA Mitigation Measures for Short-tailed Albatross
 - Develop in a separate process
- #24 – ESA Salmon Consultation Measures
 - Adopt GMT recommendation
- #25 – Modify trawl regulations for crab retention in California
 - Adopt GMT recommendation
- #26 – Biennial set-asides for Pacific Whiting
 - Adopt GAP recommendation
- #28 – Adaptive Management
 - Adopt GMT recommendation
- #32 – Depth restrictions for directed Pacific halibut fishery
 - Remove from further consideration and analysis
- #33 – VMS for directed Pacific halibut fishery
 - Remove from further consideration and analysis
- #35 – Sablefish Trawl Management Line
 - Do not include in Spex

Joanna Grebel/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 17: Council include the following new management measures for 2019-2020 for further analysis:

#18 Stock complex alternatives

- Include for analysis the following stock complex alternatives for 2019-2020:
 - Oregon blue/deacon/black/nearshore rockfish north proposal from [Agenda Item F.9.a, GMT Report 1, November 2017](#)
 - Oregon kelp greenling/cabazon/other fish proposal from [Agenda Item F.9.a, GMT Report 1, November 2017](#)

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried, Ms. Grebel voted no, and Mr. Wulff abstained)

Motion 18: Council approve the recommendations of the SSC in [Agenda Item F.10.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1, November 2017](#), including adopting the following workshops and methodology reviews for improvements to groundfish management science for 2018:

- Off-Year Science Workshops
 - Review of Data-Limited Methods for use in groundfish stock assessments.
 - Follow-up workshop on historical catch reconstruction.
- Methodology Reviews during 2018
 - Improve catch estimation methods in sparsely sampled mixed stock fisheries.
 - Proposed remotely operated vehicle (ROV) survey of nearshore stocks, California & Oregon.

In addition, recommend participation by representatives of the GAP and GMT in these workshops and methodology reviews where appropriate.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 19: Council conditionally adopt the following discard mortality rates for Pacific Halibut in the bottom trawl and non-whiting midwater trawl fisheries coastwide with the condition the best handling practices are followed:

For Bottom Trawl

Adopt Option 2 – Implement a vessel-specific DMR rate for each halibut discarded under EM using the GMT model identified in [Agenda Item F.11.a, GMT Report 1](#). In addition, implement the documentation steps identified in [Agenda Item F.11.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#).

For the Non-Whiting Midwater Trawl

If a vessel declares optimized retention, then apply Option 1 - Default rate of 90 percent DMR for all discarded halibut under EM.

If a vessel declares maximized retention, then apply Option 2 -The halibut must be landed and a DMR of 100 percent is applied.

Implementation Condition

Implementation of the revised discard mortality rates would be put in effect only after the GMT has communicated with the chairs of the SSC groundfish and economic subcommittees and received their concurrence that the GMT had fulfilled the conditions of the SSC as identified in [Agenda Item F.11.a](#).

Phil Anderson/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 20: Council adopt as Final Preferred Alternatives for Electronic monitoring:

- 1: Discard Species List Adjustment: Option 2 as shown in [Agenda Item F.11.a, NMFS Report 1](#) as the process to adjust the discard species list.
- 2: Video Review: Third Party Model ([Supplemental GEMPAC Report 1](#))

Dorothy Lowman/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 21: Council adopt the recommendation in the [Supplemental EC Report, Agenda Item F.11.a](#), that NMFS maintain the maximized retention requirement in the whiting fishery as it finalizes the EM regulations, to disallow discards except as otherwise provided.

Marci Yaremko/Marc Gorelnik (motion carried unanimously)

Motion 22: Council adopt:

- 2018 Big skate trip limits for the shorebased IFQ fishery: Alternative 2, as recommended by the GAP and shown in F.13.a, [Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1, Table 4](#)

- 2018 Sablefish DTL trip limits, Alternative 1, [F.13.a, Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1, Table 7](#)
- 2018 Lingcod trip limits: Alternative 2 for LE and OA fisheries ([Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1, Table 9](#))
- 2018 Pacific whiting set aside for research and pink shrimp sectors: 1,500 mt ([F.13.a, Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1](#))

In addition, recommend that the National Marine Fisheries Service:

- Amend the LE and OA trip limit tables in Federal regulations as recommended in [F.13.a, Supplemental Revised GMT Report 1](#)
- Consider changing the terms and conditions of the Platt/Emley EFP to allow for canary rockfish to be sold in 2018

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 23: Council approve the Budget Committee Report, and highlight the recommendations #1 and #2 as shown in [Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental BC Report 1, November 2017](#).

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemmer (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 24: Council approve the draft September 2017 Council meeting record as shown in [Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1, November 2017](#).

Herb Pollard/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 25: Council appoint Ms. Sarah Nayani to the trawl at-large seat on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.

Brad Pettinger/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 26: Council appoint Mr. Trung Nguyen to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife seat on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team currently held by Ms. Chelsea Protasio.

Marci Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine

Motion 27: Council appoint Dr. Derek Dapp to fill the current Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife vacancy on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team.

Corey Niles/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 12:11 p.m.



Phil Anderson
Council Chair

June 25, 2018

Date