



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2017

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore

SUBJECT: November 2017 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 14-20, 2017 at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa Hotel, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet Tuesday, November 14 and Wednesday, November 15 starting at 8 a.m. each day in the Laguna Beach 1 and 2 Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

The Council will host its Annual Banquet the evening of Wednesday, November 15. This year's honorees include Martin Dorn, Jeff Feldner, Kathy Fosmark, Steve Freese, Mariam McCall, and John Stein. Visit the Council web page at [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org) for banquet details.

#### Council Administrative Matters

The SSC will review their potential workload in the next year and may recommend to the Council which tasks are prioritized.

The SSC will review the credentials for three nominees to Council advisory bodies. Dr. Derek Dapp, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), has been nominated for the WDFW seat on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team vacated by Mr. Larry Phillips. Mr. Trung Nguyen, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), has been nominated for the CDFW seat on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team currently filled by Ms. Chelsea Protasio. Dr. Marisa Litz, WDFW, has been nominated as an alternate for the WDFW seat on the Model Evaluation Workgroup occupied by Ms. Angelika Hagen-Breaux. The SSC may also discuss updated language for Council Operating Procedure 4.

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### Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Management

The SSC will review two Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications proposed to conduct collaborative surveys of coastal pelagic species (CPS). The SSC will recommend whether the scientific design of these proposed EFPs is sufficiently robust to meet the objectives stated in the applications.

The SSC will review any new methodology proposals to advance CPS science that have been received in time for adequate review. No methodology review proposals had been submitted when this memorandum was drafted so this item may be cancelled.

### Salmon Management

The SSC will review the recommendations from the SSC Salmon Subcommittee and the Salmon Technical Team with respect to their October methodology review and will recommend those new or modified methodologies deemed to represent the best scientific information available for management decision-making.

### Groundfish Management

The SSC will review the recommendations from the September 28 SSC Groundfish Subcommittee (GFSC) webinar when they review the revised Pacific ocean perch stock assessment and the new yelloweye rockfish rebuilding analysis. The SSC will consider endorsing this assessment and rebuilding analysis as best scientific information available for management decision-making.

The SSC will review analyses provided to inform new overfishing limits for select groundfish stocks. The SSC will recommend any outstanding 2019 and 2020 overfishing limits, stock category designations, and sigma values required to determine 2019 and 2020 harvest specifications.

The SSC will review and recommend off-year science activities and candidate groundfish methodology proposals to inform future stock assessments. The SSC will recommend those scientific initiatives and assessment methodologies warranting a workshop or formal methodology review in 2018.

The SSC will review and provide recommendations on a proposed bottom trawl discard mortality rate calculation methodology for Pacific halibut caught and discarded in the bottom trawl fishery under electronic monitoring.

Thank you all for your dedication to West Coast fishery management and the Council process. See you soon.

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Enclosures include:

Council and SSC Administrative Matters

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Meeting Agenda
2. Agenda Item G.4 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
3. Agenda Item G.5 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Coastal Pelagic Species Management

4. Agenda Item C.2 – 2018 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) Notice of Intent
5. Agenda Item C.3 – Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection

Salmon Management

6. Agenda Item D.2 – Methodology Review Final Approval

Groundfish Management

7. Agenda Item F.4 – Final Stock Assessments and Rebuilding Analyses
8. Agenda Item F.6 – Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2019-2020
9. Agenda Item F.10 – Off-Year Science and Stock Assessment Methodology Review-Final Topic Selection
10. Agenda Item F.11 – Electronic Monitoring – Final Pacific Halibut Discard Mortality Rates, Discard Species List, and Third-Party Review

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

11. November 2017 SSC Agenda
12. Draft September 2017 SSC Minutes
13. Administrative Closed Session
14. Draft Summary Minutes of the Scientific and Statistical Committee Ecosystem Subcommittee September 11 and 14 meeting in Boise, ID (SSC Only)
15. Scientific and Statistical Committee Groundfish Subcommittee Report on a Webinar Meeting (September 28, 2017) to Review New Overfishing Limits, a Yelloweye Rockfish Rebuilding Analysis, a New Assessment for Pacific Ocean Perch, and a Report Addressing Marine Stewardship Council Conditions for the Limited Entry Bottom Trawl Fishery (SSC Only)
16. Scientific and Statistical Committee Salmon Subcommittee Report on Salmon Methodology Review (SSC Only)
17. Informational Reports
18. Hotel-Related Information
19. Roster