



Agenda Item C.7.b  
Supplemental Public Comment 1  
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February 26, 2018

Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair  
And Members of the Pacific Fishery Management Council  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Dear Chairman Anderson and Members of the Pacific Fishery Management Council:

**RE: Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning/  
Regulatory Amendment to HMS Permit Regulations**

I write regarding our request that the Council set aside time at a future meeting to consider amending the HMS regulations to extend permit eligibility to American Indians Born in Canada (ABCs).

The Council has heard this request several times over the past year; and in September 2017, agreed to set aside time at the June 2018 meeting to formally consider the issue. It is my understanding that NMFS' findings and recommendations on how such a change in policy might be implemented would be presented to the Council for substantive consideration at that time.

**This is an important issue. I thank and commend you for voting to include this matter on your June 2018 agenda. I understand the June 2018 agenda is not yet finalized. As you continue to plan and finalize your June 2018 agenda and additional issues compete for time, I ask that you keep this matter on the June 2018 agenda.**

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information, documentation, or with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Fathali".

Heather Fathali  
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February 26, 2018



Mr. Phil Anderson, Chairman  
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**RE: AGENDA ITEM C.7: FUTURE MEETING AGENDA & WORKLOAD PLANNING**

Dear Chair Anderson and Council Members:

The Council has wisely separated Gear Switching and trawl Sablefish area management out from the rest of the follow-on actions and into its own Agenda Item at this March meeting. Now this Agenda Item needs to find its place on the Council's Year-at-a-Glance Calendar, and more importantly, on subsequent Agendas. To that point, it is concerning to see just how full the draft Council agendas are for the upcoming April<sup>1</sup> and June<sup>2</sup> meetings. However, there are several shaded HMS items on June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> that are candidates for rescheduling that could free up 6 hours.

At this March meeting during Agenda Item C.7 - Future Council Meeting Agenda & Workload Planning, the Council should adopt the following schedule in order to timely address the Gear Switching problem:

- June 2018** – Adopt Purpose and Need and Range of Alternatives
- September 2018** – Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternative
- November** – Adopt Final Preferred Alternative

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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