



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2018

TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee

FROM: John DeVore

SUBJECT: March 2018 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet March 8-14, 2018 at the Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma Hotel, One Doubletree Drive, Rohnert Park, CA. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9 starting at 8 a.m. each day in the Vineyard Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

The SSC will elect a chair and vice chair for the April 2018-March 2020 term.

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 last SSC agenda item concerns planning for the April discussion on “Process for Review of Reference Points for Monitored Stocks” with a focus on further review of methods for potentially revising an OFL for the central subpopulation of northern anchovy, including how the results of the January 2018 acoustic-trawl survey methodology review could apply to anchovy biomass and F_{MSY} estimates.

The SSC will review the credentials for Ms. Ashton Harp who has been nominated for the Tribal seat vacated by Ms. Sandy Zeiner on the Salmon Technical Team.

Salmon Management

The SSC will review the 2017 Fisheries and Summary of 2018 Stock Abundance Forecasts and recommend to the Council whether this report is the best available science and can be used in modeling 2018 ocean salmon fisheries, specifying acceptable biological catches, and setting annual catch limits.

Ecosystem Management

The SSC will review the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment State of the California Current report and provide their recommendations to the Council on the use and future content of this report. The SSC will also review a list of proposed topics for review by the SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee, and identify priority topics along with a recommended review process.

The SSC will review a draft Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) exploring ecosystem drivers of sablefish recruitment and productivity. The SSC will report their recommendations on the use of this MSE to inform future assessments and management decisions.

Groundfish Management

The Council is scheduled to take initial action at this meeting on proposed groundfish stock assessment priorities for the 2019 and 2021 assessment cycles. The SSC will receive a presentation from Dr. Jim Hastie on criteria and a process to decide future stock assessment priorities. The SSC will recommend their priorities for groundfish stock assessments, as well as changes to the three Terms of Reference that guide the process of conducting and reviewing assessments, rebuilding analyses, and proposed assessment methodologies.

The SSC will review analyses provided to inform revised 2019 and 2020 overfishing limits (OFLs) for lingcod north and south of 40°10' N. lat., as well as the 2020 OFL for bocaccio south of 40°10' N. lat. Errors were discovered in these harvest specifications, which were adopted last year, compelling this review. A report from the February 8 SSC Groundfish Subcommittee webinar will inform this review.

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 C.6 – Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
3. Agenda Item C.7 – Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Salmon Management

4. Agenda Item E.2 – Review of 2017 Fisheries and Summary of 2018 Stock Forecasts

Ecosystem Management

5. Agenda Item F.1 – California Current Ecosystem and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Report and Science Review Topics
6. Agenda Item F.3 – Sablefish Ecosystem Indicators: Management Strategy Evaluation

Groundfish Management

7. Agenda Item H.4 – Initial Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference
8. Agenda Item H.7 – Update on 2019-2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures

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

9. March 2018 SSC Agenda
10. Draft November 2017 SSC Minutes
11. Motion and guidance from April 2017 on northern anchovy and monitored CPS stocks
12. [Agenda Item G.2.a, Joint SSC/CPSMT Report, April 2017](#)
13. [Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental SSC Report, April 2017](#)
14. [Agenda Item G.4.a, SWFSC Report, November 2016](#)
15. [Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental SWFSC Report 2, November 2016](#)
16. [Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report, November 2016](#)
17. [Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report, September 2016](#)
18. [Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental SSC Report, September 2016](#)
19. Conrad 1991: A bioeconomic model for northern anchovy
20. Administrative Closed Session
21. Informational Reports
22. Hotel-Related Information
23. Roster

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