



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 26, 2018
TO: Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, Model Evaluation Workgroup, and Interested Persons
FROM: Robin Ehlke, Staff Officer
SUBJECT: April Council Meeting

In conjunction with the April Council meeting, the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), Salmon Technical Team (STT), and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW), will meet on Thursday, April 5, 2018 with the STT and SAS beginning at 8 a.m. and the MEW beginning at 10 a.m. The meetings will be held in Mount St. Helens Room B (SAS) and the Cascade A (MEW, STT) Room of the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel in Portland, Oregon.

The Council will start the salmon agenda on Friday (April 6) and continue through Tuesday (April 10). Incidental catch of Pacific halibut in the troll fishery will be finalized on Monday, April 9; habitat issues will be covered Friday, April 6.

The main salmon issue before the Council will be adopting final management measure recommendations for 2018 ocean fisheries (Agenda Items E.1, E.2, E.4, and E.5). Agenda Item E.3 will cover methodology reviews presented by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

The STT chair will join the SAS meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 5 and respond to technical questions regarding the 2018 fishery alternatives as presented in Preseason Report II. The SAS should have its preliminary management measures completed in time to allow editing, collation, and copying in the Council Secretariat. We would like final input from SAS as soon as possible, but no later than 10 a.m. Friday morning. Please work with the Council staff to coordinate your efforts.

Agenda Item F.5, *Preliminary Preferred Management Measure Alternatives for 2019-2020 Fisheries* on Tuesday, April 10 will cover the Biological Opinion addressing take of Endangered Species Act-listed salmon in the groundfish fishery. The SAS is encouraged to participate in discussions with the Groundfish Management Team and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel to gain information and better understand the topic. There will likely be opportunity for joint discussions with these groups.

The SSC will report to the Council under Agenda Item E.3 on potential topics for methodology review on Monday, April 9. The SAS may wish to make recommendations to both the SSC and Council on reviews or revisions which should be initiated. The SSC will cover this issue with the

STT at its meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 6. The SAS should consider sending a representative to the SSC meeting, to report back to the full SAS.

The MEW will meet Thursday morning, April 5 to discuss potential methodology review topics, and will join the SSC meeting at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 6 to report on their recommendations. Because several members of the MEW are also on the STT or SSC, the MEW meeting will need to be flexible to accommodate the needs of all.

Pacific halibut is on the Council's agenda for Monday, April 9. The SAS will need to recommend landing restrictions for the troll salmon fisheries to allow for incidental halibut harvest.

The Council will receive an update on current habitat issues on Friday, April 6. The Habitat Committee is meeting on Thursday, April 6 in Mount St. Helens Room D, starting at 8 a.m. Jim Hie will provide a summary to the SAS as needed.

Additionally, there are several Administrative Matters of interest, but not all formally scheduled on your agendas. If the STT, SAS, and MEW would like to comment on one or more of these matters please let me know and we can allocate some discussion time on your agenda. Under Agenda Item I.1, the Council is scheduled to hear the annual report from the United States Coast Guard, and under Agenda Item H.1, the Council is scheduled to review the latest legislative issues. On the final day, Wednesday, April 11, the Council will consider membership appointments and Council Operating Procedures under Agenda Item H.2, and also consider future Council meeting agendas and workload under Agenda Item H.3.

Please take some time and review your briefing materials thoroughly before the meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in the Council's salmon management process.

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Enclosures:

1. Agenda Item A.4 – Council Agenda
2. Agenda Item D.1 – Habitat Issues
3. Agenda Item E.1 through E.5 – Salmon Management
4. Agenda Items F.5 – Groundfish Management Measures
5. Agenda Items G.1 – Pacific Halibut Management
6. Agenda Item H.1 through H.3 – Council Administrative Matters
7. Proposed SSC Agenda
8. Proposed HC Agenda
9. Proposed SAS Agenda
10. Proposed STT Agenda
11. Proposed MEW Agenda
12. Proposed GMT Agenda
13. Proposed GAP Agenda
14. Hotel-related Information and Council Roster