



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2018  
TO: Scientific and Statistical Committee  
FROM: John DeVore  
SUBJECT: April 2018 Council Meeting Materials

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet April 5-11, 2018 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet Thursday, April 5 and Friday, April 6 starting at 8 a.m. each day in the Mt. St. Helens C Room. Your meeting materials are enclosed.

#### Council Administrative Matters

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

#### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

The SSC will review two Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) proposals 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, consistent with [COP 23](#).

The SSC will review the recommendations from the panel that reviewed the Acoustic-Trawl Methodology (ATM), a response to some of the Methodology Review Panel's recommendations by the ATM proponents, and a rebuttal to the ATM Team's response by the Methodology Review Panel. The SSC will weigh these recommendations and considerations before making their recommendations to the Council on the future use of the ATM methodology.

The SSC will review past reports and other information relevant to methods for developing overfishing limits and other management reference points for the Central Subpopulation of Northern Anchovy (CSNA), in response to the Council's request from April 2017.

The SSC will review the new update assessment of Pacific sardine, as well as the report of the March CPS Subcommittee review of the assessment, and provide their recommendations to the

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Council on the use of the new assessment for management decision-making. The SSC will also recommend an overfishing limit for Pacific sardine for the 2018-2019 fishery.

#### Salmon Management

The SSC will review a list of potential salmon methodology topics to be reviewed later this year. The SSC will receive input from the Salmon Technical Team and the Model Evaluation Workgroup, and provide recommendations for methodologies to be reviewed in 2018.

#### Groundfish Management

The SSC will be asked to review specific methodologies used to support the analysis of alternatives for Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 28. These will be included in appendices to the preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and will include information on the data source selection process, spatial assignment of fish ticket data for landings and revenues, the approach to discrete area closures, and an updated approach to the probability of occurrence for yelloweye, Pacific ocean perch, and darkblotched rockfish.

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

JDD:rdd

Enclosures include:

#### Council and SSC Administrative Matters

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

#### Coastal Pelagic Species Management

4. Agenda Item C.2 – 2018 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) - Final Approval
5. Agenda Item C.3 – Acoustic Trawl Survey Methodology Review - Final Approval
6. Agenda Item C.4 – Process for Review of Reference Points for Monitored Stocks
7. Agenda Item C.5 – Pacific Sardine Assessment, Harvest Specifications, and Management Measures – Final Action

#### Salmon Management

8. Agenda Item E.3 – Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection

#### Groundfish Management

9. Agenda Item F.3 – Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) Amendment 28 - Final Action – Part 1

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

10. April 2018 SSC Agenda
11. Draft March 2018 SSC Minutes
12. Administrative Closed Session
13. Informational Reports
14. Draft – The Conrad (1991) Method for Estimating Maximum Sustainable Yield
15. SSC CPS Subcommittee Report to the SSC on the 2018 Assessment of the Northern Subpopulation of Pacific Sardine
16. Hotel-Related Information
17. Roster

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