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INTRODUCTION

This document contains or identifies the various elements, documents, and sources comprising the complete and official record of Council meeting discussions and actions. In addition to the Meeting Summary, which follows this introductory section (see #7 below), it includes information or references that serve as the functional detailed minutes for this Council meeting as required by §302(i)(2)(E) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The full record is maintained at the Council office, is available on the Council website (<http://www.pcouncil.org/>) or upon request from the Council office, and consists of the following:

1. **Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda** – These documents are available on the Council Website prior to and following each meeting at <http://www.pcouncil.org/>.
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3. **All Documents, Reports, and Presentations for Council Consideration** – These items include (1) all documents produced or received for the meeting briefing book, validated by a label assigned by the Council Secretariat and distributed to Council Members; (2) written public comments received at the Council meeting in accordance with agenda labeling requirements; and (3) electronic material or handout materials used in presentations to Council Members during the open session. They are available from links in the Meeting Summary of this document or at <https://www.pcouncil.org/council-meetings/previous-meetings/>.
4. **Council Decisions Summary Document** – This document is distributed shortly after each Council meeting. It provides very brief descriptions of most key Council decisions and is available at <https://www.pcouncil.org/council-meetings/previous-meetings/> and also provided by agenda item in the Meeting Summary of this document.
5. **Draft or Final Decision Documents Finalized after the Council Meeting** – Documents such as Environmental Impact Statements or Environmental Assessments are available on the Council website as they are completed.
6. **Gavel-to-Gavel Audio Recordings** – These recordings contain the testimony, presentations, discussions, and actions occurring at the meeting and are labeled by date and time (e.g., 04-11-15am1) and have been annotated as to the time on the recording for the start of each agenda line item to help facilitate review. The recordings may be accessed from the links contained within the Meeting Summary of this document or at <https://www.pcouncil.org/council-meetings/previous-meetings/>.
7. **Meeting Summary** (immediately follows this section) – The Meeting Summary lists, in agenda item order, the briefing book documents, reports, presentations, and Council motions and actions, including a brief summary from the Council Decisions Summary Document for each agenda item. It constitutes the meeting record formally approved by the Council. The agenda heading for each agenda item, and most listed documents, serve as internet links to the actual briefing book documents. Internet links in brackets (e.g., [[mp3: 11-11-14pm1 @01:21:15](#)]) refer to the audio recording and elapsed time on the recording at which the agenda item was initiated. Links to the audio recordings are annotated by agenda item and may also be accessed at <https://www.pcouncil.org/council-meetings/previous-meetings/>.
8. **Voting Log** – The voting log lists, in Agenda order, the summarized Council motions and actions for each agenda item that took place during the meeting.

MEETING SUMMARY

A. Call to Order [[mp3: 6-8-18am1](#) 0:00:10]

1. Opening Remarks – Phil Anderson, Chair [[mp3: 6-8-18am1](#) 0:00:11]

Mr. Phil Anderson, Council Chair, called the 245th meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to order at 9:30 a.m. on June 8, 2018. A closed session was held before this open session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

2. Roll Call – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-8-18am1](#) 0:08:24]

Council Members present during the meeting week:

National Marine Fisheries Service:	Mr. Frank Lockhart, designee Mr. Ryan Wulff, designee Ms. Heidi Taylor, designee Ms. Kelly Ames, designee Ms. Aja Szumylo, designee
Washington State Official:	Ms. Michele Culver, designee Mr. Corey Niles, designee
Washington Obligatory:	Mr. Rich Lincoln
Oregon State Official:	Mr. Troy Buell, designee Ms. Maggie Sommer, designee
Oregon Obligatory:	Ms. Dorothy Lowman
California State Official:	Ms. Briana Brady, designee Ms. Marci Yaremko, designee Mr. John Ugoretz, designee Ms. Joanna Grebel, designee
California Obligatory:	Mr. David Crabbe, Vice-Chair
Idaho State Official:	Mr. Peter Hassemer, designee
Idaho Obligatory:	Mr. Herb Pollard
Tribal Official:	Mr. Joseph Oatman Mr. David Sones, designee
At-Large:	Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair Mr. William L. “Buzz” Brizendine Mr. Brad Pettinger Mr. Marc Gorelnik
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission:	Dr. David Hanson, Parliamentarian, nonvoting designee
U.S. Coast Guard:	LCDR Scott McGrew, nonvoting designee LCDR Jason Brand, nonvoting designee
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:	Mr. Mike Clark, nonvoting designee
Absent from the Meeting:	
Alaska State Official:	Mr. Charles Swanton (nonvoting designee)
U.S. State Department:	Mr. David Hogan, nonvoting designee

3. Executive Director's Report – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-8-18am1 0:08:27](#)]

Mr. Tracy introduced the Informational Reports

4. Agenda – Phil Anderson [[mp3: 6-8-18am1 0:10:44](#)]

a. Council Action: Approve Agenda

Motion 1 [[mp3: 6-8-18am1 0:11:56](#)]: Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, June 7-13, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda](#).

Brad Pettinger/Troy Buell (Motion carried unanimously)

B. Open Comment Period

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items [[mp3: 6-8-18am1 0:12:14](#)]

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-8-18am1 0:13:15](#)]

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Public Comment 1](#): Comment on the 2018 salmon fishery

[Agenda Item B.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#): Halibut Opener; Restoration of Kings, Silvers and Sockeyes

Jennifer Gilden discussed Marine Resources Education Program regarding Informational Report 6

c. Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

C. Administrative Matters

1. Council Coordination Committee Meeting Report – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-8-18am1 0:16:46](#)]

[Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1](#): DRAFT May 22-24, 2018 Council Coordination Committee Meeting, Harrigan Centennial Hall, Sitka, Alaska, Agenda

[Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): Executive Director's Report on the Council Coordination Committee Meeting

[Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Letter from the CCC to Chris Oliver dated June 5, 2018 re: a report from the Fishing Data Innovation Taskforce

[Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Letter from the CCC to The Honorable Don Young, Congressman for All Alaska re: request for the views of the CCC on H.R. 200, the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act

[Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 5](#): Letter from the CCC to Chris Oliver re: Research Priorities

[Agenda Item C.1, Supplemental Attachment 6](#): CCC Consensus Statement on Aquaculture

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

None

b. Public Comment

None

c. Council Action: Consider Report on the Council Coordination Committee Meeting [[mp3: 6-8-18am1](#) 0:31:39]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

2. [Electronic Monitoring Cost Allocation Policy Directive](#) – Jim Seger [[mp3: 6-8-18am1](#) 0:46:11]

[Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1](#): Draft NMFS Procedural Directive on Cost Allocations in Electronic Monitoring Programs for Federally Managed U.S Fisheries

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-8-18am1](#) 0:47:14]

[Agenda Item C.2.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment

None

c. Council Action: Adopt Final Recommendations on the Electronic Monitoring Cost Allocation Policy Directive [[mp3: 6-8-18am1](#) 1:12:30]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council reviewed the draft [procedural directive on cost allocation in electronic monitoring programs](#) and drafted a letter providing comments and requesting additional time for advisory body review and comment on the policy. NMFS stated that it also welcomes comments from other constituents. The Council will finalize its comments at its September 2018 meeting.

3. [National Marine Fisheries Service White Paper on Best Scientific Information Available \(BSIA\)](#) – John DeVore [[mp3: 6-9-18am2](#) 0:34:34]

[Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1](#): Framework for Determining that Stock Status Determinations and Harvest Specifications are Based on the Best Scientific Information Available

a. NMFS Report – Kevin Werner/Kristen Koch [[mp3: 6-9-18am2](#) 0:37:42]

[Agenda Item C.3.a, Supplemental NMFS Science Centers Presentation 1](#): BSIA Guidance Update (*Koch/Werner*)

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-9-18am2](#) 0:52:20]

[Agenda Item C.3.b, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

c. Public Comment

None

- d. **Council Action: Review and Comment on the NMFS BSIA White Paper** [[mp3: 6-9-18am2 0:54:25](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council was briefed on a [draft white paper](#) from NMFS on a proposed national policy on determining best science information available (BSIA) for stock assessments, establishing reference points, and making status determinations. The Council reiterated concerns with potential delays in NMFS BSIA determinations, especially where analyses are used immediately to inform Council management decisions. The Council also recommended that the NMFS representative who is present during Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) deliberations not be a member of the SSC. Finally, the Council requested clarification on how BSIA determinations will be made in the various international processes where assessments and scientific analyses used in Council decision-making are developed in international fora. The Council will send a comment letter to NMFS with their comments and concerns this summer.

4. **Research and Data Needs Document – Preliminary Draft** – John DeVore [[mp3: 6-9-18am3 0:00:09](#)]

[Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1](#): Draft 2018 Research and Data Needs (*Electronic Only*)

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-9-18am3 0:07:31](#)]

[Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental NMFS SWFSC Report 1](#): Feedback on Research and Data Needs Document

[Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental HC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental Ecosystem Workgroup Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-9-18am3 0:34:46](#)]

Tom Rudolph, PEW Charitable Trusts

- c. **Council Action: Adopt an Updated Research and Data Needs Document for Public Review** [[mp3: 6-9-18am3 0:43:15](#)]

Motion 9 [[mp3: 6-9-18am3 1:03:44](#)]: Council adopt the Draft 2018 Research and Data Needs document (Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1, Electronic Only) for public review, incorporating the comments from the EWG Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1.

Troy Buell/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted the [draft 2018 Research and Data Needs document](#) for public review incorporating the [comments from the Council's Ecosystem Workgroup](#) to the degree possible. The Council is soliciting comments on research and data needs priorities and requested public notice on the need to maintain long-term databases that are used in assessments and other analyses. The Council is scheduled to adopt a final draft of the 2018 Research and Data Needs document at their September 2018 meeting in Seattle, Washington.

5. **Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs** – Mike Burner [[mp3: 6-9-18pm2 0:14:43](#)]

[Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1](#): West Coast Region and Pacific Fishery Management Council – Regulations Identified for Review

[Agenda Item C.5, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): DRAFT Letter to Mr. Chris Oliver from the Council re: review of federal West Coast fishery regulations as required by Executive Order (E.O.) 13771 and E.O. 13777 (New as of 6/12)

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-9-18pm2 0:34:30](#)]

[Agenda Item C.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.5.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.5.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-9-18pm2 0:47:18](#)]

[Agenda Item C.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Ben Enticknap, Oceana

Tom Rudolph, PEW Charitable Trusts

c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Recommendations for Potential Regulatory Reform** [[mp3: 6-9-18pm2 0:59:16](#)] and [[mp3: 6-12-18pm2 0:00:29](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: As requested by NMFS, the Council reviewed a list of candidate management activities and regulations developed by Pacific Council and NMFS staff with the potential of meeting the intent of Executive Orders 13771 and 13777. The Council approved [a draft letter and list of examples](#) of recently completed and ongoing regulatory review and revision efforts with a particular focus on regulations which are outdated, unnecessary, ineffective, or could be streamlined. The Council tasked the Executive Director with submitting the letter to NMFS by the July 2, 2018 deadline.

6. **Legislative Matters** – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 6-9-18pm1 0:00:39](#)]

[Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 1](#): Staff Summary of Federal Legislation

[Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 2](#): Marine Aquaculture Act discussion draft (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 3](#): S. 2773: To Improve the Management of Driftnet Fishing

[Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 4](#): Excerpt from House Appropriations Bill for FY2019

a. **Report of the Legislative Committee** – [[mp3: 6-9-18pm1 0:01:52](#)]

b. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies**

c. **Public Comment**

None

d. **Council Action: Consider Legislative Committee Report and Recommendations** [[mp3: 6-9-18pm1 0:04:52](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

7. Federal Fishery Permit Citizenship Requirements - Scoping – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-12-18am3 0:00:28](#)]

[Agenda Item C.7, Supplemental Staff Presentation 1](#): Commercial Fishery Permit Eligibility (*Kit Dahl*)

[Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1](#): Commercial Fishery Permit Eligibility Under Pacific Council Fishery Management Plans

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-12-18am3 0:28:03](#)]

[Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.7.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-12-18am3 0:30:46](#)]

[Agenda Item C.7.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.7.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

Heather Fathali, Cascadia Cross-Border Law

c. Council Action: Review Existing Federal Fishery Permit Citizenship Requirements and Scope Regulatory Changes [[mp3: 6-12-18am3 0:56:30](#)] and [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1 0:00:15](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council reviewed information on eligibility requirements for Federal fishery permits established pursuant to the Council's four fishery management plans and considered a request to expand eligibility for the HMS general commercial permit to American Indians born in Canada. The Council decided to retain the current eligibility requirements for all permits, which restrict eligibility to U.S. citizens.

8. Fiscal Matters – Patricia Crouse [[mp3: 6-12-18pm2 0:41:44](#)]

[Agenda Item C.8, Supplemental Attachment 1](#): Executive Director's Report to the Budget Committee

[Agenda Item C.8, Supplemental Attachment 2](#): NOAA Management and Budget Update, June 2018

a. Report of the Budget Committee – Dorothy Lowman [[mp3: 6-12-18pm2 0:42:52](#)]

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

c. Public Comment

None

d. Council Action: Consider Budget Committee Report and Recommendations [[mp3: 6-12-18pm2 0:49:55](#)]

Motion 21 [[mp3: 6-12-18pm2 0:53:17](#)]: Council approve the report of the Budget Committee including the four recommendations contained in that report (Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental BC Report 1).

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: Council approved a calendar year 2018 Operational Budget of \$4,947,154 and the 2017 audit results.

9. [Approval of Council Meeting Record](#) – Phil Anderson [[mp3: 6-13-18am1 1:52:43](#)]

[Agenda Item C.9, Attachment 1](#): Draft Council Meeting Record: 243rd Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (*March 9-14, 2018*)

[Agenda Item C.9, Attachment 2](#): Draft Council Meeting Record: 244th Session of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (*April 5-11, 2018*)

a. Council Action: Approve Previous Council Meeting Record [[mp3: 6-13-18am1 1:53:48](#)]

Motion 22 [[mp3: 6-13-18am1 1:54:02](#)]: Council approve the March 2018 and April 2018 Council meeting records as contained in Agenda Item C.9, Attachment 1 and Agenda Item C.9, Attachment 2.

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: None

10. [Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures](#) – Mike Burner [[mp3: 6-13-18am1 1:54:46](#)]

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

[Agenda Item C.10.a, Supplemental USFWS Report 1](#): USFWS Intent to Add Designees on the Pacific Council

[Agenda Item C.10.a, Supplemental U.S. DOS Report 1](#): Letter Designating Mr. Rich Lincoln as an Alternate United States Commissioner to the North Pacific Fisheries Commission

b. Public Comment

None

c. Council Action: Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures [[mp3: 6-13-18am1 2:05:03](#)]

Motion 23 [[mp3: 6-13-18am1 2:05:21](#)]: Council elect Mr. Phil Anderson as the Council Chair and Mr. Marc Gorelnik as the Council Vice-Chair for the August 11, 2018 through August 10, 2019 term.

David Crabbe/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 24 [[mp3: 6-13-18am1 2:09:01](#)]: Council appoint Mr. Jon Carey to the National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Region seat on the Salmon Technical Team currently held by

Mr. Larrie LaVoy on an interim basis until such time as the Scientific and Statistical Committee can review this appointment.

Ryan Wulff/Herb Pollard (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council elected Mr. Phil Anderson as the Council Chair and Mr. Marc Gorelnik as the Council Vice-Chair for the August 11, 2018 through August 10, 2019 term.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) revised their list of Council designees adding Mr. Roy Elicker, Dr. Kyle Hanson, Mr. Roger Root, and Mr. John Netto. Dr. Denise Hawkins and Mr. Michael Clarke will continue as designees.

The Council reviewed and approved the following appointments:

- Mr. Jon Carey was appointed to the NMFS West Coast Region seat on the Salmon Technical Team (STT) currently held by Mr. Larrie LaVoy on an interim basis until such time as the SSC can review this appointment.
- Mr. August Felando has resigned his Purse Seine seat on the HMSAS. Council Chair, Phil Anderson, will work with the California contingent to appoint an interim representative before the September Council meeting for the remainder of the current three-year term which ends December 31, 2018.
- Chair Anderson, in consultation with the Council, appointed Dr. Tommy Moore to the Tribal seat on the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup.

Regarding Council representatives to other forums:

- Mr. Rich Lincoln has been appointed as an Alternate United States Commissioner to the North Pacific Fisheries Commission and will represent the Council at the Commission's 4th Annual session in early July of this year in Tokyo, Japan.
- Ms. Dorothy Lowman will continue to represent the Council on the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

11. [Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning](#) – Chuck Tracy [[mp3: 6-13-18am2 0:00:05](#)]

[Agenda Item C.11, Attachment 1](#): Pacific Council Workload Planning: Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary

[Agenda Item C.11, Attachment 2](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 5-12, 2018 in Seattle, Washington

[Agenda Item C.11, Supplemental Attachment 3](#): Year-at-a-Glance (dated 06/12/2018)

[Agenda Item C.11, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): Draft Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, September 5-12, 2018 in Seattle, Washington (dated 06/12/2018; 2:02 PM)

[Agenda Item C.11, Supplemental Attachment 5](#): DRAFT Letter to Alan Risenhoover from the Council re: the draft "National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Procedural Directive on Coast Allocation in Electronic Monitoring Programs for Federally Managed U.S. Fisheries" (directive)

a. [Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies](#) [[mp3: 6-13-18am2 0:04:30](#)]

[Agenda Item C.11.a, Supplemental STT Progress Report 1](#): Update to the Council on the Progress Made Towards Development of the Five Rebuilding Plans

[Agenda Item C.11.a, Supplemental Staff Report 1](#): Coastal Pelagic Species Proposed General Schedule

[Agenda Item C.11.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.11.a, Ecosystem Workgroup Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.11.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.11.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item C.11.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-13-18am2 0:52:51](#)]

Bob Dooley presented [Agenda Item C.11.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#) (*Dooley*) under E.5. Jonathan Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood

c. Council Action: Discussion and Guidance on Future Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning [[mp3: 6-13-18am2 0:56:39](#)]

Motion 25: Motion to adjourn.

Buzz Brizendine/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: None

D. Habitat

1. [Current Habitat Issues](#) – Jennifer Gilden [[mp3: 6-8-18am2 0:00:11](#)]

a. [Report of the Habitat Committee](#) – Eric Wilkins [[mp3: 6-8-18am2 0:00:51](#)]

b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

None

c. Public Comment

None

d. Council Action: Consider Habitat Committee Report and Recommendations [[mp3: 6-8-18am2 0:06:30](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

E. Groundfish Management

1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Todd Phillips [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1 0:00:26](#)]

a. Regulatory Activities – Aja Szumylo [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1 0:01:31](#)]

[Agenda Item E.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Groundfish and Halibut *Federal Register* Notices

[Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): Rulemaking Plans and Major Activities

b. Fisheries Science Center Activities – Mark Strom

c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

d. Public Comment

None

e. Council Discussion [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1 0:07:46](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

**2. [New and Continuing Exempted Fishing Permit Approval for 2019-2020](#) – Jim Seger
[[mp3: 6-8-18pm1 0:11:38](#)]**

[Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 1](#): Application for Exempted Fishing Permit for Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing for the 2019-2020 Fishing Season

[Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 2](#): Groundfish Exempted Fishing Permit Proposal: Commercial Midwater Hook and Line Rockfish Fishing in the RCA off the Oregon Coast

[Agenda Item E.2, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 3](#): Monterey Bay Regional Exempted Fishing Permit – Chilipepper Rockfish

[Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4](#): Chilipepper/Yellowtail Long Leader EFP

[Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 5](#): Year-Round Coastwide Midwater Rockfish EFP: Monitoring and Minimizing Salmon Bycatch When Targeting Rockfish in the Shorebased IFQ Fishery

[Agenda Item E.2, Supplemental Attachment 6](#): Cover from Barbara Emley to *Supplement Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 1*

[Agenda Item E.2, Supplemental Attachment 7](#): Updated Impact Estimate Table, *Third Page of Agenda Item E.2, Attachment 4*

[Agenda Item E.2, Supplemental Attachment 8](#): Revised Yelloweye Request for Cook EFP

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1 0:19:54](#)]

[Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Update on the 2018 Trawl Gear EFP and Year-Round Midwater Rockfish EFP

[Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3](#)

[Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental REVISED GAP Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1 1:06:32](#)]

Lori Steele, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

Austin Brown, Fisherman

Barbara Emley and Dan Platt, San Francisco Community Association

[Agenda Item E.2.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

c. Council Action: Adopt Final Recommendations for New EFPs and Continuing EFPs for 2019-2020 [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1 1:18:21](#)]

Motion 2 [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1 1:29:47](#)]: Council recommend adoption of the following groundfish EFP for 2019-2020 Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing off California (E.2, Attachment 1); the commercial hook & line rockfish fishing in the RCA off the Oregon coast (E.2, Attachment

2); the Monterey Bay Regional EFP Chilipepper Rockfish (E.2, Supplemental Revised Attachment 3).

Troy Buell/Marci Yaremko

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1](#) 1:43:45]: Under the Oregon Coast EFP to limit the number of hooks per individual line to 40 or less with a maximum of 125 hooks total. Allow the use of only artificial fishing lures.

David Crabbe/Marc Gorelnik (Amendment carried unanimously)

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Motion 3 [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1](#) 1:47:13]: Council request NMFS establish appropriate salmon caps for each final EFP (either as a rate or a hard cap) considering the expected number of vessels and trips per vessel.

Marci Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine (Motion withdrawn with consent of the second)

Motion 4 [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1](#) 2:01:51]: Council adopt EFP set asides as recommended in Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3.

Troy Buell/Dorothy Lowman

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1](#) 2:04:19]: Replace the 10 mt canary set-aside for Cook with 5 mt.

Marci Yaremko/Marc Gorelnik (Amendment carried: no votes from Ms. Lowman, Mr. Hassemer, Mr. Buell, Mr. Pettinger, Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Pollard. Chair Anderson voted yes. Ms. Szumylo abstained.)

Main motion, as amended, carried.

Motion 5 [[mp3: 6-8-18pm1](#) 2:14:15]: Council forward preliminary year-round coastwide midwater rockfish EFP application for final action in September.

Troy Buell/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried, Mr. Pettinger recused himself).

Staff Summary: The Council approved three EFPs for final recommendation to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS):

[Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing for the 2019-2020 Fishing Season](#); [Commercial Midwater Hook and Line Rockfish Fishing in the Rockfish Conservation Area off the Oregon Coast](#); and [Monterey Bay Regional EFP – Chilipepper Rockfish](#). It forwarded a fourth EFP, [Year-Round Coastwide Midwater Rockfish](#), for public review and comment, with a final recommendation scheduled for the September 2018 Council meeting. The Council also adopted set asides for these EFPs, as summarized in Groundfish Management Team ([GMT Report 3](#)), except that it reduced the canary rockfish set-aside from 10 mt to 5 mt for the EFP for commercial midwater hook-and-line fishing off the Oregon Coast.

3. [Final Action on Stock Assessment Plans and Terms of Reference \(TOR\) for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species](#) – John DeVore [[mp3: 6-9-18am1](#) 0:02:18]

[Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 1](#): Prioritization of Species and NMFS Final Recommendations for Stock Assessments in 2019 and 2021

[Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 2](#): Excel Workbook of Data Informing 2019 and 2021 Stock Assessment Prioritization (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 3](#): Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment and Review Process for 2019-2020

[Agenda Item E.3, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 4](#): Draft Terms of Reference for the Groundfish Rebuilding Analysis for 2019-2020

[Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 5](#): Draft Terms of Reference for the Methodology Review Process for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species for 2019-2020

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-9-18am1 0:06:29](#)]

[Agenda Item E.3.a, Supplemental NWFSC Presentation 1](#): Prioritizing Fish Stock Assessments; Final Recommendations for Assessments of Pacific Coast Groundfish Species in 2019 (and 2021) – *Hastie*

[Agenda Item E.3.a, Supplemental SSC Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.3.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.3.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.3.a, Supplemental Tribal Report 1](#) (Makah) June 2018

b. **Public Comment**

None

c. **Council Action: Adopt Final List and Schedule of Groundfish Stocks for Assessment in 2019, the Stock Assessment and Methodology Review TOR for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species, and the Rebuilding TOR for Overfished Groundfish Stocks** [[mp3: 6-9-18am1 1:15:13](#)] and [[mp3: 6-9-18am2 0:00:10](#)]

Motion 6 [[mp3: 6-9-18am2 0:01:18](#)]: Council adopt the following assessments for 2019:

Full Assessments:

- Sablefish
- Cabezon (CA and OR)
- Longnose skate
- Big skate
- Cowcod
- Gopher rockfish/Black-and-Yellow Rockfish as a complex

Update Assessments:

- Petrale sole
- Widow Rockfish

Catch-Only Projections:

- Lingcod
- Canary rockfish
- Black rockfish

Catch Report:

- Yelloweye rockfish

For 2021, adopt the list of assessments recommended by the GMT in Table 2 in Agenda Item E.3.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, with the addition of yelloweye rockfish as a full assessment. This is a refined list of preliminary priorities that will be finalized in 2020.

Joanna Grebel/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 7 [[mp3: 6-9-18am2](#) 0:29:23]: Council to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment and Review Process for 2019-2020 (Attachment 3) the Terms of Reference for Groundfish Rebuilding Analysis (Agenda Item E.3, Supplemental Revised Attachment 4) with the revisions by the SSC, and the Terms of Reference for the Methodology Review Process for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species (Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 5).

Troy Buell/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 8 [[mp3: 6-9-18am2](#) 0:31:41]: Council to adopt the 2019 Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Schedule (Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 1).

Corey Niles/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted the following stock assessment priorities for 2019:

Full assessments: sablefish, cabezon (CA and OR), longnose skate, big skate, cowcod, and gopher rockfish/black-and-yellow rockfish as a complex;

Update assessments: petrale sole and widow rockfish;

Catch-only projections: lingcod, canary rockfish, and black rockfish; and

Catch report: yelloweye rockfish.

The Council adopted the 2019-2020 TOR for [rebuilding analyses](#) with the modifications recommended by the [Scientific and Statistical Committee](#) (SSC) and the terms of reference for [methodology reviews](#). The Council also provisionally adopted the TOR for [stock assessment](#) with consideration for further changes at the September Council meeting as recommended by the [SSC](#).

Additionally, the Council adopted the 2019 stock assessment review schedule proposed by [NMFS](#).

For 2021, the Council adopted the list of assessments recommended by the [GMT](#), with the addition of yelloweye rockfish as a full assessment. This is a refined list of preliminary priorities that will be finalized in 2020.

4. [Final Action to Adopt Management Measures for 2019-2020 Fisheries](#) – John DeVore
[[mp3: 6-10-18am1](#) 0:00:48]

[Agenda Item E.4, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 1](#): Action Item Checklist

[Agenda Item E.4, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 2](#): Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery 2019-2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures: Analytical Document Organized as a Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 3](#): Preferred 2019 and 2020 harvest specifications (overfishing limits, acceptable biological catches, and annual catch limits, for west coast groundfish stocks and stock complexes under preferred harvest control rules)

[Agenda Item E.4, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 4](#): Draft Appendix A – Integrated Alternatives Analysis

[Agenda Item E.4, Attachment 5](#): Draft Appendix B – Consideration of Changes to the Yelloweye Rockfish Rebuilding Plan

[Agenda Item E.4, Supplemental REVISED Attachment 6](#): Draft Appendix C – New Management Measures Detailed Analysis

a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-10-18am1 0:53:29](#)] and [[mp3: 6-10-18am2 0:00:03](#)]

[Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental NMFS/GMT Presentation 1](#): Consideration of Changes to the Yelloweye Rockfish Rebuilding Plan (*Abigail Harley*)

[Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2](#) (Revised 6/12)

[Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3](#) (New as of 6/12)

[Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-10-18am2 1:50:37](#)]

[Agenda Item E.4.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Douglas Fricke, Washington Troller's Association

Al Carter, Ocean Gold Seafood

Robert Ingles, Golden Gate Fisherman's Association

Tom Libby

Mike Okoniewski & Jon Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood

Travis Hunter

Bill James presented [Agenda Item E.4.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

Kevin Dunn, F/V Iron Lady

Lori Steele, West Coast Seafood Processors Association

Loren Goddard, Oregon Coast Charter Association

c. **Council Action: Adopt Final Rebuilding Plan Revisions and Harvest Specifications for Yelloweye Rockfish and Final Preferred Management Measures for 2019-2020 Fisheries** [[mp3: 6-10-18pm1 0:01:04](#)] and [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1 0:12:12](#)]

Motion 13 [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1 0:19:35](#)]: Council adopt:

1. Alternative 2 as its Final Preferred Alternative for the yelloweye rockfish rebuilding plan with a P^* of 0.4 for the ABC, a spawning potential ratio of 65 percent, and a median time to rebuild (i.e., T_{Target}) of 2029, and
2. The following harvest specifications and management measures for 2019 and 2020 (using [Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3](#)):
 - a. Annual catch limits of 48 mt for 2019 and 49 mt for 2020,
 - b. The “off the top” deductions as presented,
 - c. A trawl allocation of 3.4 mt (shorebased trawl 3.4 mt, at-sea trawl 0 mt) for each year, as presented,
 - d. A non-trawl allocation of 38.6 mt in 2019 and 39.5 mt in 2020, as presented,

- e. Within the non-trawl allocation, specify sector-specific shares as harvest guidelines (HGs) at the values associated with Alternative 2, and sector-specific annual catch targets (ACTs) at the values associated with Alternative 1, and
- f. The management measures for the non-trawl sectors associated with Alternative 1 to achieve those ACTs, with the differences between the sectors' HGs and their ACTs managed as sector-specific amounts.

Non-Trawl Allocation = 38.6 mt	Shares (HGs)		ACTs		Difference (HG - ACT)	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Non-Nearshore	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.7	0.4	0.4
Directed OA: Nearshore	6.0	6.2	4.7	4.9	1.3	1.3
WA Recreational	10.0	10.2	7.8	8.1	2.2	2.1
OR Recreational	8.9	9.1	7.0	7.2	1.9	1.9
CA Recreational	11.6	11.9	9.1	9.4	2.5	2.5

Michele Culver/Maggie Sommer (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 14: Council adopt the following final preferred management measures for 2019-2020:

Action Items 1-8 – Adopt GMT Recommendations in Appendix 3 (Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 2), which confirm the PPA and provide updated values in Appendix 1 and 2.

9. GAP Recommendation for sablefish north of 36° N. latitude and lingcod north for limited entry (Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1), confirm PPA for remaining trip limits.

13. Adopt CDFW Report 1 (Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1).

16 – 19. Adopt GMT Recommendations in Appendix 3, which confirm the PPA.

Joanna Grebel/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 15 [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1](#) 1:01:06]: Council adopt as FPA a recreational groundfish season for Oregon with the fishery restricted to shoreward of the 40 fathom management line from June through August, as recommended in E.4.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 1, June 2018.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 16 [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1](#) 1:07:56]: Council confirm the PPA for salmon incidental take mitigation measures as FPA, except make the language changes proposed in E.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 2 for automatic authorities.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1](#) 1:14:47]: after the word “measures” insert “and groundfish fisheries.”

Michele Culver/ Amendment withdrawn

Motion 16 withdrawn with the consent of the second.

Motion 17 [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1](#) 1:19:15]: Council adopt the following for Action Item #15:

1. In addition to the current BRAs, add the 200 fathom depth contour for use as a BRA for vessels using midwater trawl gear through routine inseason action to control catch of groundfish and non-groundfish, including salmon.
2. Eliminate the Ocean Salmon Conservation Zone (OS CZ) from regulation.
3. Prohibit all midwater trawling within the Klamath River Salmon Conservation Zone (KRCZ) and Columbia River Salmon Conservation Zone (CRSZ) year-round; and prohibit the use of all bottom trawl gear except selective flatfish trawl (SFFT) inside the KRCZ and CRSZ.
4. Create two automatic authorities in regulations that would allow NMFS to:
 - Close either sector (all whiting or all non-whiting) upon that sector having reached or exceeded its Chinook salmon bycatch threshold and the reserve amount of 3,500; and
 - Close a sector (all whiting or all non-whiting) when one sector has been closed after attaining or exceeding its Chinook salmon bycatch threshold and the reserve amount of 3,500, and the second sector attains or exceeds its salmon bycatch threshold.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 18 [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1 1:23:34](#)]: Council confirm the PPA for stock complex restructuring as FPA.

In addition, I move the Council adopt the following harvest guidelines within the new complexes:

Oregon Black, Blue, and Deacon Rockfish complex:

- Black Rockfish: 515.8 mt in 2019, 512.2 mt in 2020

Oregon Cabezon & Kelp Greenling complex:

- Cabezon: 46.8 mt in 2019, 46.8 mt in 2020

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 19 [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1 1:28:55](#)]: Council adopt as its Final Preferred Alternative for Groundfish Management Measures for 2019 and 2020 the GMT recommendations for Item #11 (Washington recreational fisheries) and #20 (incidental lingcod retention ratio in the salmon troll fishery) as presented in Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 2.

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried, Ms. Grebel abstained)

Motion 20 [[mp3: 6-12-18pm1 1:46:31](#)]: Council adopt as FPA the 2019 and 2020 tribal management measures referenced in item 10 of Appendix 3 in Revised Supplemental GMT Report 2.

David Sones/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council adopted final harvest specifications and management measures for 2019 and 2020 groundfish fisheries as follows:

The Council adopted a new rebuilding plan for yelloweye rockfish that specifies a spawning potential ratio (SPR) harvest rate of 65 percent; 2019 and 2020 annual catch limits (ACLs) of 48 mt and 49 mt, respectively; and a target rebuilding year of 2029. The non-trawl sectors will be

managed using annual catch targets based on the lower harvest rate (SPR = 70 percent) analyzed under Alternative 1 with the associated management measures predicted to stay within those lower ACLs.

The Council confirmed the preliminary preferred alternative for routine management measures with revised estimates of off the top deductions to accommodate groundfish catch in Tribal fisheries, research fisheries, non-groundfish fisheries, and set-asides for approved EFPs, as well as set-asides for at-sea whiting fisheries as recommended by the [GMT](#). The Council also confirmed their preliminary preferred alternative for two-year sector allocations and commercial trip limits for all stocks with revised trip limits for sablefish north of 36° N. latitude and lingcod north of 40° 10' N. latitude for limited entry as recommended by the [GAP](#). The Council adopted the recreational management measures under Alternative 1 recommended by [California Department of Fish and Wildlife \(CDFW\)](#), [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife \(ODFW\)](#), and [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \(WDFW\)](#), as well as the Treaty Tribal management measures recommended by the [Tribes](#).

The Council adopted the following new management measures for groundfish fisheries: new salmon mitigation measures, the preliminary preferred alternative for new stock complexes with the specification of harvest guidelines for the stocks in the new Oregon complexes, elimination of daily vessel limits in the individual fishing quota (IFQ) trawl fishery, new sablefish and lingcod discard mortality rates for the IFQ trawl fishery, continuation of the Adaptive Management Pass-Through in the IFQ trawl fishery, removal of automatic authority to close at-sea whiting fisheries if darkblotched rockfish or Pacific ocean perch set-asides are exceeded, allowance to fish shoreward of the 40 fm line in the Western Cowcod Conservation Area by commercial and recreational fixed gear fisheries, and Alternative 1 for lingcod retention in the salmon troll fishery as recommended and analyzed by [WDFW](#).

5. [Inseason Adjustments – Final Action](#) – John DeVore [[mp3: 6-13-18am1 0:01:41](#)]

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies[[mp3: 6-13-18am1 0:04:13](#)]

[Agenda Item E.5.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.5.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item E.5.a, Supplemental EC Presentation 1](#) (*Corrigan*)

b. Public Comment[[mp3: 6-13-18am1 1:00:25](#)]

[Agenda Item E.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Heather Mann and Robert Smith, Midwater Trawlers Cooperative presented [Agenda Item E.5.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#) (*Mann*)

Robert Dooley

c. Council Action: Adopt Final Inseason Adjustments for 2018 as Necessary to Achieve but Not Exceed Annual Catch Limits and Other Management Objectives[[mp3: 6-13-18am1 1:38:56](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council received a briefing from the [GMT](#) on performance of 2018 groundfish fisheries and made no adjustments to 2018 fisheries.

F. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. [Live Bait Fishery Allowance Amendment Scoping](#) – Kerry Griffin [[mp3: 6-9-18pm1 0:09:04](#)]

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-9-18pm1 0:15:00](#)]

[Agenda Item F.1.a, CPSMT Report 1](#): Scoping Document

[Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental CPSAS Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental EC Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-9-18pm1 0:57:01](#)]

[Agenda Item F.1.b, Public Comment 1](#)

[Agenda Item F.1.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

Steve Crooke, Sportfishing Association of California

Mike Thompson, Davey's Locker Sportfishing

Ben Enticknap, Oceana

Gilly Lyons, PEW Charitable Trusts

Mike Conroy

c. Council Action – Consider a Fishery Management Plan Amendment for the Live Bait Fishery Allowance and Adopt a Purpose and Need Statement and Process Schedule, as Appropriate [[mp3: 6-9-18pm1 1:25:02](#)] and [[mp3: 6-9-18pm2 0:00:15](#)]

Motion 10 [[mp3: 6-9-18pm2 0:03:59](#)]: Council initiate an FMP amendment to address take in the live bait fishery when a stock is in an overfished condition.

Briana Brady, Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council initiated a fishery management plan amendment process to address take in the coastal pelagic species (CPS) live bait fishery, when a stock is overfished. The Council directed the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) to develop alternatives for consideration, and to provide additional background information on the live bait fishery, at the September Council meeting.

G. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. [National Marine Fisheries Service Report](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-10-18pm1 0:30:54](#)]

a. Regulatory Activities – Heidi Taylor [[mp3: 6-10-18pm1 0:40:15](#)]

[Agenda Item G.1.a, NMFS Report 1](#): Report on Highly Migratory Species Activities

b. Science Center Activities – Gerard DiNardo [[mp3: 6-10-18pm1 0:40:27](#)]

[Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental SWFSC Presentation 1](#): NMFS Report SWFSC Activities Highly Migratory Species (*Gerard DiNardo*)

- c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-10-18pm1 1:23:30](#)]

[Agenda Item G.1.c, National Marine Fisheries Service Office of Law Enforcement](#) Response on Confidentiality of Vessel Monitoring System Data Report 1

[Agenda Item G.1.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

- d. **Public Comment**

- e. **Council Discussion** [[mp3: 6-10-18pm1 1:31:37](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

- 2. [Recommendations for International Management Activities](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-10-18pm2 0:00:21](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 1](#): May 30-31, 2018, Pacific Bluefin Tuna Management Strategy Evaluation Workshop Proposed Agenda

[Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 2](#): Fourteenth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Summary Report, Issued March 16, 2018 (*Electronic Only*)

[Agenda Item G.2, Attachment 3](#): Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Resolution C-16-08, Measures for the Conservation and Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean

[Agenda Item G.2, Supplemental Attachment 4](#): April 18, 2018 Management Strategy Evaluation Listening Session Summary Report (*Electronic Only*)

- a. **Bluefin and Albacore Tuna Management Strategy Evaluation Updates** – Gerard DiNardo [[mp3: 6-10-18pm2 0:00:38](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2.a, Supplemental SWFSC Presentation 1](#): Bluefin and Albacore Tuna Management Strategy Evaluation -Updates (*Gerard DiNardo*)

- b. **Report on the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Annual Meeting** – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-10-18pm2 0:44:31](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2, Supplemental Staff Presentation 1](#): WCPFC 14 (*Kit Dahl*)

- c. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-10-18pm2 1:20:34](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2.c, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): NMFS Report on International Management of HMS

[Agenda Item G.2.c, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.2.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.2.c, Supplemental HMSAS Report 2](#)

- d. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-10-18pm2 1:39:47](#)]

[Agenda Item G.2.d, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

- e. **Council Action: Provide Recommendations on U.S. Positions at Upcoming Meetings of the Western and Central Pacific Commission's Northern Committee and Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, as Appropriate. Provide Advice on the Ongoing Development of Management Strategy Evaluation for North Pacific Albacore and Pacific Bluefin Tuna** [[mp3: 6-10-18pm2 1:44:20](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council recommended that the U.S. oppose proposals to increase catch limits for Pacific bluefin tuna at the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee meetings. At its August meeting, the IATTC will be negotiating a new measure for Pacific bluefin management in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) for 2019 and beyond. Immediately following, the Joint Working Group of the Northern Committee and IATTC will meet to discuss long-term Pacific bluefin management and the Northern Committee could propose a revised Conservation and Management Measure for adoption by the WCPFC. In both these forums there will likely be pressure to increase catch limits, because of a recent increase in recruitment resulting in more optimistic projections of stock rebuilding. However, the Council notes these projection results are due to a single year of increased recruitment so it is still highly uncertain that rebuilding targets can be met.

The Council also noted new permit requirements for U.S. vessels intending to fish for albacore in Canadian waters during the 2018 season starting on June 15. The Council asked NMFS to work with the Canadian government to resolve any impediments to access and to keep stakeholders informed.

3. [Drift Gillnet \(DGN\) Performance Metrics](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-11-18am1 0:01:21](#)]

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-11-18am1 0:05:15](#)]

[Agenda Item G.3.a, HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.3.a, Supplemental HMSMT Presentation 1: Drift Gillnet Performance Metrics \(Hellmers\)](#)

[Agenda Item G.3.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item G.3.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-11-18am1 0:21:31](#)]

[Agenda Item G.3.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Geoff Shester, Oceana

Cassie Burdyslaw, Turtle Island Restoration Network

Gary Burke, CFSB

- c. **Council Action: Consider Metrics and Recommend Mitigation Measures, as Appropriate** [[mp3: 6-11-18am1 0:35:09](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council directed its SSC to review current and proposed methodologies for setting and evaluating bycatch performance metrics for the California large mesh drift gillnet fishery. The HMSMT, with assistance with NMFS, was tasked with preparing the requisite information for SSC review. Based on SSC recommendations, the Council will consider changes to the performance metrics and adopt changes, if any, for the next report on the metrics in June 2019.

4. [Update on Existing Deep-Set Buoy Gear \(DSBG\) Exempted Fishing Permits](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-11-18am1 0:50:29](#)]

[Agenda Item G.4, Attachment 1](#): 2015-2017 PIER Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFP Preliminary Summary – May, 2018

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-11-18am1 0:53:29](#)]

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Updates to DSBG EFPs

[Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-11-18am1 1:00:02](#)]

[Agenda Item G.4.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Chugey Sepulveda, Pfleger Institute of Environmental Research presented [Agenda Item G.4.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#): (*Chugey Sepulveda*)

Kelly Fukushima

c. Council Discussion [[mp3: 6-11-18am1 1:40:37](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: None

5. [Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization – Final Range of Alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Number of Limited Entry Permits](#) – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-11-18am2 0:00:32](#)]

[Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 1](#): Deep-Set Buoy Gear Range of Alternatives Adopted at the March 2018 Meeting

a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies [[mp3: 6-11-18am2 0:38:26](#)]

[Agenda Item G.5.a, HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 2](#)

[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental HMSMT Presentation 1](#): DSBG Range of Alternatives (*Hellmers*)

[Agenda Item G.5.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-11-18am2 0:48:34](#)]

[Agenda Item G.5.b, Supplemental Public Comment 1](#)

Geoff Shester, Oceana

Donald Krebs

Chugey Sepulveda, Pfleger Institute of Environmental Research

- c. **Council Action: Confirm a Range of Alternatives and Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Alternative for the Number of Permits to be Issued Under a Deep-Set Buoy Gear Limited Entry Program, if Possible** [[mp3: 6-11-18pm1](#) 0:00:17]

Motion 11 [[mp3: 6-11-18pm1](#) 0:07:23]: Council proceed with analysis to the two sub-options for Deep-Set Buoy Gear Fishing in the Southern California Bight as previously adopted with the following changes in regards to potential limited access to allow for a phased in approach:

Capacity – Implement permits with initial issuance and total issuance limited to the following:

- 1) Not more than 50 permits per year, not to exceed 300 total
- 2) Not more than 100 permits per year, not to exceed 300 total
- 3) Not more than 300 permits maximum

Also, direct the Highly Migratory Species Management Team to analyze these options along with an open access option using 500 permits as a proxy for open access.

Should the 2018 Eastern Pacific Ocean Swordfish Stock Assessment indicate a change in stock structure boundaries, direct the HMSMT to provide data on how the proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear fishery will impact that stock.

John Ugoretz/Marc Gorelnik

Amendment 1 [[mp3: 6-11-18pm1](#) 0:36:57]: Delete the last paragraph.

Rich Lincoln/Corey Niles (Amendment carried unanimously)

Motion 11, as amended, carried unanimously

Staff Summary: The Council revised the range of options for the number of permits and the manner of issuance under the limited entry alternative. (Limited entry would apply to the area east of a line extending due south from Point Conception.) These options would allow a phased in approach whereby the Council would issue an initial number of permits and could then issue additional permits in subsequent years up to a cap of 300 permits. These options for initial issuance and total issuance are:

1. Not more than 50 permits per year, not to exceed 300 total.
2. Not more than 100 permits per year, not to exceed 300 total.
3. Not more than 300 permits maximum.

The options are meant to allow flexibility such that the Council would not be obligated to issue the whole of the specified annual number, nor would the Council have to issue all permits up to the specified cap. Rather, these options facilitate the analysis of a phase-in approach, which would allow the Council to proceed cautiously to reach a level of permits that best meets management objectives.

The Council specified an estimate of 500 vessels for the purposes of analyzing an open access fishery.

6. **Preliminary Review of New Non-Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Applications and Resubmission of Previous Deep-Set Buoy Gear Applications** – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-11-18pm1](#) 0:48:42]

[Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 1](#): Revised Deep-Set EFP From Mr. David Hutto

[Agenda Item G.6, Attachment 2](#): EFP Application from Dr. John Hall to Test Deep-Set Pelagic Longline Gear in the West Coast EEZ

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-11-18pm1 0:53:45](#)]

[Agenda Item G.6.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Preliminary Review of Non-Deep-Set Buoy Gear EFPs and Resubmission of Previous Deep-Set-Buoy Gear EFP Applications

[Agenda Item G.6.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.6.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

- b. **Public Comment** [[mp3: 6-11-18pm1 1:04:15](#)]

[Agenda Item G.6.b, Public Comment 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.6.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

John Hall, Coastal and Offshore Pacific

Geoff Shester, Oceana

Jonathan Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

- c. **Council Action: Preliminary Approve New Non-DSBG EFPs for Public Review and Adopt Final Recommendations on Resubmitted DSBG Applications** [[mp3: 6-11-18pm1 1:28:23](#)]

Motion 12 [[mp3: 6-11-18pm1 1:34:37](#)]: Council approve the deep-set longline EFP for public review.

John Ugoretz/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

Staff Summary: The Council reviewed two EFP applications. Mr. David Hutto submitted a revised application to use DSBG, as requested by the Council in March 2018. The Council recommended that NMFS issue the EFP to Mr. Hutto based on his revised application. Dr. John Hall submitted an [application to test short \(\$\leq 5\$ nm\) deep-set pelagic longline gear within the West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone \(EEZ\)](#). The Council approved this application for public review, noting that fishing in waters off Washington should not be allowed, and will make a final recommendation at its September 2018 meeting.

7. **[Swordfish Management Project Planning and Observer Coverage](#)** – Kit Dahl [[mp3: 6-12-18am1 0:01:39](#)]

[Agenda Item G.7, Attachment 1](#): Draft Pacific Coast Swordfish Fishery Management and Monitoring Plan, September 2015

[Agenda Item G.7, Attachment 2](#): Landings of swordfish by fishery, 2008-2017

[Agenda Item G.7, Attachment 3](#): Reposted Supplemental NMFS Report 3 from March 2018

- a. **Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies** [[mp3: 6-12-18am1 0:13:07](#)]

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1](#): Swordfish Management Project Planning and Review of Observer Coverage

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2](#): EcoCast

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1](#): National Marine Fisheries Service Report on Swordfish Management Project Planning and Review of Observer Coverage (*Heidi Taylor*)

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.7.a, Supplemental HMSAS Report 2](#)

b. Public Comment [[mp3: 6-12-18am1 0:55:49](#)]

[Agenda Item G.7.b, Public Comment 1](#)

[Agenda Item G.7.b, Supplemental Public Comment 2](#)

Cassie Burdyslaw, Turtle Island Restoration Network presented [Agenda Item G.7.b, Supplemental Public Presentation 1](#): (*Burdyslaw*)

Geoff Shester, Oceana

Theresa Labriola, Wild Oceans

Gary Burke, CFSB

c. Council Action: Provide Guidance on Swordfish Management Project Planning, Review and Potentially Modify the Range of Alternatives for Increased DGN Monitoring and Adopt a Preliminary Preferred Alternative, if Possible [[mp3: 6-12-18am2 0:00:09](#)]

Motion: None

Staff Summary: The Council recommended making basic revisions to the draft Swordfish Management and Monitoring Plan based on recommendations from [NMFS](#), the [HMSMT](#), and Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel ([HMSAS](#)). The Council will review the draft plan, with the intention of adopting a final plan at a future meeting once more information on ongoing initiatives becomes available. These include SSC review of bycatch estimation methodologies that could be used for DGN fishery performance standards; trials of electronic monitoring in the DGN fishery, especially for unobservable vessels; results from EFPs the Council previously recommended for issuance or is currently considering; and establishing a regulatory framework for a DSBG fishery.

Increased monitoring of the DGN fishery is an objective of the SMMP. The Council reaffirmed its preferred alternative adopted in September 2015. In part, the Council's preferred alternative, as reaffirmed, is in the near term to achieve a 30 percent monitoring coverage level through a combination of human observers and electronic monitoring and work toward the objective of monitoring all vessels. In doing so, NMFS should find ways to ensure all vessels are capable of observation by electronic monitoring (including those vessels that cannot currently accommodate human observers). See the [September 2015 Council Meeting Record](#) for the full motion on the Council's preferred alternative. The Council will further consider its proposal at a future time as information becomes available on initiatives to enhance DGN fishery monitoring.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

[Informational Report 1](#): Letter from Secretary of Commerce Ross to Phil Anderson, Council Chair dated April 10, 2018 re: CCC Priorities

[Informational Report 2](#): Letter from IPHC to Phil Anderson, Council Chair dated 15 May 2018 re: Non-treaty directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A

[Supplemental Informational Report 3](#): NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement, West Coast Enforcement Division Report to PFM, June 2018

[Supplemental Informational Report 4](#): Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity FY2019

[Supplemental Informational Report 5](#): 2017 West Coast Entanglement Summary

[Supplemental Informational Report 6](#): Marine Resource Education Program (MREP)

VOTING LOG

Motion 1: Adopt [Agenda Item A.4, June 7-13, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda](#).
Brad Pettinger/Troy Buell (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 2: Council recommend adoption of the following groundfish EFP for 2019-2020 Yellowtail Rockfish Jig Fishing off California ([E.2, Attachment 1](#)); the commercial hook & line rockfish fishing in the RCA off the Oregon coast ([E.2, Attachment 2](#)) with the provisions to limit the number of hooks per individual line to 40 or less with a maximum of 125 hooks total. Allow the use of only artificial fishing lures; the Monterey Bay Regional EFP Chilepepper Rockfish ([E.2, Supplemental Revised Attachment 3](#)).

Troy Buell/Marci Yaremko (Motion with Crabbe/Gorelnik Amendment carried unanimously).

Motion 3: Council request NMFS establish appropriate salmon caps for each final EFP (either as a rate or a hard cap) considering the expected number of vessels and trips per vessel.
Marcy Yaremko/Buzz Brizendine (Motion withdrawn with consent of the second)

Motion 4: Council adopt EFP set asides as recommended in [Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3](#), but replace the 10 mt canary set aside for Cook with 5 mt.
Troy Buell/Dorothy Lowman (Motion, as amended by Yaremko/Gorelnik, carried unanimously).

Motion 5: Council forward preliminary year-round coastwide midwater rockfish [EFP application](#) for final action in September.
Troy Buell/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried, Mr. Pettinger recused himself).

Motion 6: Council adopt the following assessments for 2019:

Full Assessments:

- Sablefish
- Cabezon (CA and OR)
- Longnose skate
- Big skate
- Cowcod
- Gopher rockfish/Black-and-Yellow Rockfish as a complex

Update Assessments:

- Petrale sole
- Widow Rockfish

Catch-Only Projections:

- Lingcod
- Canary rockfish
- Black rockfish

Catch Report:

- Yelloweye rockfish

For 2021, adopt the list of assessments recommended by the GMT in Table 2 in [Agenda Item E.3.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1](#), with the addition of yelloweye rockfish as a full assessment. This is a refined list of preliminary priorities that will be finalized in 2020.

Joanna Grebel/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 7: Council to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species Stock Assessment and Review Process for 2019-2020 ([Attachment 3](#)) the Terms of Reference for Groundfish Rebuilding Analysis ([Agenda Item E.3, Supplemental Revised Attachment 4](#)) with the [revisions by the SSC](#), and the Terms of Reference for the Methodology Review Process for Groundfish and Coastal Pelagic Species ([Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 5](#)).

Troy Buell/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 8: Council to adopt the 2019 Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Schedule ([Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 1](#)).

Corey Niles/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 9: Council adopt the Draft 2018 Research and Data Needs document ([Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1](#)) for public review, incorporating the comments from the EWG [Agenda Item C.4.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#).

Troy Buell/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 10: Council to initiate an FMP amendment to address take in the live bait fishery when a stock is in an overfished condition.

Briana Brady, Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 11: Council proceed with analysis to the two sub-options for Deep-Set Buoy Gear Fishing in the Southern California Bight as previously adopted with the following changes in regards to potential limited access to allow for a phased in approach:

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Also, direct the Highly Migratory Species Management Team to analyze these options along with an open access option using 500 permits as a proxy for open access.

John Ugoretz/Marc Gorelnik as amended by Lincoln/Niles carried unanimously

Motion 12: Council approve the deep-set longline EFP for public review.

John Ugoretz/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 13: Council adopt:

1. Alternative 2 as its Final Preferred Alternative for the yelloweye rockfish rebuilding plan with a P* of 0.4 for the ABC, a spawning potential ratio of 65 percent, and a median time to rebuild (i.e., T_{Target}) of 2029, and
2. The following harvest specifications and management measures for 2019 and 2020 (using [Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental GMT Report 3](#)):
 - a. Annual catch limits of 48 mt for 2019 and 49 mt for 2020,
 - b. The “off the top” deductions as presented,
 - c. A trawl allocation of 3.4 mt (shorebased trawl 3.4 mt, at-sea trawl 0 mt) for each year, as presented,
 - d. A non-trawl allocation of 38.6 mt in 2019 and 39.5 mt in 2020, as presented,
 - e. Within the non-trawl allocation, specify sector-specific shares as harvest guidelines (HGs) at the values associated with Alternative 2, and sector-specific annual catch targets (ACTs) at the values associated with Alternative 1, and
 - f. The management measures for the non-trawl sectors associated with Alternative 1 to achieve those ACTs, with the differences between the sectors’ HGs and their ACTs managed as sector-specific amounts.

Non-Trawl Allocation = 38.6 mt	Shares (HGs)		ACTs		Difference (HG - ACT)	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Non-Nearshore	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.7	0.4	0.4
Directed OA: Nearshore	6.0	6.2	4.7	4.9	1.3	1.3
WA Recreational	10.0	10.2	7.8	8.1	2.2	2.1
OR Recreational	8.9	9.1	7.0	7.2	1.9	1.9
CA Recreational	11.6	11.9	9.1	9.4	2.5	2.5

Michele Culver/Maggie Sommer (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 14: Council adopt the following final preferred management measures for 2019-2020:

Action Items 1-8 – adopt GMT Recommendations in Appendix 3 ([Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 2](#)), which confirm the PPA and provide updated values in Appendix 1 and 2.

Action Item 9. GAP Recommendation for sablefish north of 36° N. latitude and lingcod north for limited entry ([Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental GAP Report 1](#)), confirm PPA for remaining trip limits.

Action Item 13. Adopt CDFW Report 1 ([Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#)).

Action Items 16 – 19. Adopt [GMT Recommendations in Appendix 3](#), which confirm the PPA.

Joanna Grebel/Buzz Brizendine (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 15: Council adopt as FPA a recreational groundfish season for Oregon with the fishery restricted to shoreward of the 40 fathom management line from June through August, as recommended in [E.4.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 1, June 2018](#).

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 16: Motion withdrawn with the consent of the second.

Motion 17: Council adopt the following for Action Item #15:

1. In addition to the current BRAs, add the 200 fathom depth contour for use as a BRA for vessels using midwater trawl gear through routine inseason action to control catch of groundfish and non-groundfish, including salmon.
2. Eliminate the Ocean Salmon Conservation Zone (OS CZ) from regulation.
3. Prohibit all midwater trawling within the Klamath River Salmon Conservation Zone (KRCZ) and Columbia River Salmon Conservation Zone (CRSZ) year-round; and prohibit the use of all bottom trawl gear except selective flatfish trawl (SFFT) inside the KRCZ and CRSZ.
4. Create two automatic authorities in regulations that would allow NMFS to:
 - Close either sector (all whiting or all non-whiting) upon that sector having reached or exceeded its Chinook salmon bycatch threshold and the reserve amount of 3,500; and
 - Close a sector (all whiting or all non-whiting) when one sector has been closed after attaining or exceeding its Chinook salmon bycatch threshold and the reserve amount of 3,500, and the second sector attains or exceeds its salmon bycatch threshold.

Maggie Sommer/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 18: Council confirm the PPA for stock complex restructuring as FPA.

In addition, I move the Council adopt the following harvest guidelines within the new complexes:

Oregon Black, Blue, and Deacon Rockfish complex:

- Black Rockfish: 515.8 mt in 2019, 512.2 mt in 2020

Oregon Cabezon & Kelp Greenling complex:

- Cabezon: 46.8 mt in 2019, 46.8 mt in 2020

Maggie Sommer/Brad Pettinger (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 19: Council adopt as its Final Preferred Alternative for Groundfish Management Measures for 2019 and 2020 the GMT recommendations for Item #11 (Washington recreational fisheries) and #20 (incidental lingcod retention ratio in the salmon troll fishery) as presented in [Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 2](#).

Michele Culver/Rich Lincoln (Motion carried, Ms. Grebel abstained)

Motion 20: Council adopt as FPA the 2019 and 2020 tribal management measures referenced in item 10 of Appendix 3 in [Revised Supplemental GMT Report 2](#).

David Sones/Marc Gorelnik (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 21: Council approve the report of the Budget Committee including the four recommendations contained in that report ([Agenda Item C.8.a, Supplemental BC Report 1](#)).

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 22: Council approve the March 2018 and April 2018 Council meeting records as contained in [Agenda Item C.9, Attachment 1](#) and [Agenda Item C.9, Attachment 2](#).

Herb Pollard/Pete Hassemer (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 23: Council elect Mr. Phil Anderson as the Council Chair and Mr. Marc Gorelnik as the Council Vice-Chair for the August 11, 2018 through August 10, 2019 term.
David Crabbe/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 24: Council appoint Mr. Jon Carey to the National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Region seat on the Salmon Technical Team currently held by Mr. Larrie LaVoy on an interim basis until such time as the Scientific and Statistical Committee can review this appointment.
Ryan Wulff/Herb Pollard (Motion carried unanimously)

Motion 25: Motion to adjourn.
Buzz Brizendine/Dorothy Lowman (Motion carried unanimously)

ADJOURN

The Council meeting adjourned on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 12:50 p.m.



Phil Anderson
Council Chair

February 20, 2019
Date